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Rifkind to cancel £2bn missile

Major faces battle over defence cuts

By Jill Sherman and Michael Evans

■ The prime minister faces a Tory revolt over defence next week when MPs return for a two-day debate on reductions in the armed forces

PLANS for a £2 billion tactical nuclear missile for the RAF are to be abandoned, Malcolm Rifkind, the defence secretary, will announce on Monday, in a move that is bound to add to growing Tory alarm about Britain's defence capability.

The prime minister already faces a damaging rebellion over proposals for further swingeing cutbacks in the armed forces when he returns to Westminster next week.

Mr Rifkind is said to be battling to protect his £24 billion budget from another £1 billion cut as part of the Chancellor's efforts to contain spending. Kenneth Clarke spent yesterday with Treasury advisers drawing up a strategy for the first unified budget on November 30 in an attempt to balance the books.

However, in opening a two-day defence debate in the Commons, Mr Rifkind will make a pre-emptive strike by telling MPs that proposals for the RAF's nuclear missile are to be dropped.

Although this was not part of next year's spending plan and will be replaced by a cheaper alternative, it is likely to be seized on by MPs as further evidence that the country's defences are being dismantled. Mr Rifkind will also use the move to gain political capital in his negotiations.

Yesterday leaks about the announcement and the cutbacks prompted calls for a postponement of the debate, and for a review of defence services before further decisions were taken. MPs questioned the wisdom of allowing the Royal Navy to have Britain's only nuclear deterrent.

The Commons defence select committee is due to publish a report on Monday in which the all-party MPs will warn against excessive cutbacks. They will say cuts in equipment orders could weaken seriously the capabilities of the armed services.

The nuclear missile, intended to be used as a warning against prime targets, was to have replaced the RAF's WE177 freefall bomb, due to come out of service by 2006.

However, Mr Rifkind has decided to drop the missile option in favour of a Royal Navy proposal, under which Britain's future Trident strategic nuclear deterrent will also be given a "sub-strategic" role. This will mean converting some Trident missiles into tactical systems to act as a deterrent.

The scrapping of the RAF option could save more than £1 billion because the Trident choice is likely to mean a minimum-cost outlay. Britain would have had to collaborate with America or France in developing a tactical air-to-surface missile.

Royal Navy sources said it would be possible to use Trident as a tactical missile armed only "with concrete". A naval official said: "It's such an accurate weapon that even a concrete warhead would do severe damage."

The RAF will be angry at losing this prestigious role to the Royal Navy, which will be responsible for both arms of Britain's nuclear deterrent: strategic and tactical. There will be concern that a nuclear deterrent with such power as a Trident ballistic missile system is to be used in a secondary role.

Despite his calls for unity at the party conference in Blackpool, John Major will now face a Tory revolt in the Commons.

Senior Tory backbenchers said yesterday that they will back Mr Rifkind in resisting attempts to take a further swipe at Britain's defences following the cutbacks projected under Options for Change.

Sir Nicholas Bonsor, chairman of the defence select committee, said that more reductions could "cripple" the armed services, while Sir Geoffrey Johnson-Smith, chairman of the Tory backbench defence committee, said colleagues would look "very anxiously" at further cuts.

There was also hostility in defence circles. Lord Bramall, Chief of Defence Staff, said the cuts would have a "staggering" effect on the military's capacity to meet defence commitments.

The opposition parties also gave warnings against further cutbacks. Dr David Clark, shadow defence secretary, said: "Any such cuts will leave Britain's armed forces overstretched without the capability to provide Britain with an effective defence."

Menzies Campbell, Liberal Democrat defence spokesman, said the debate should be postponed until details of the cuts were known.

Treasury war, page 2

Robber shot dead by police

By Stewart Tendler
Crime Correspondent

AN ARMED robber was shot dead by a marksman from a Scotland Yard mobile gun patrol yesterday after he opened fire on pursuing police and hijacked a dustcart in a chase through north London.

The gunman had tried to shoot out the windscreens of police cars as the dustcart bounced off parked cars. When he was blocked by a parked lorry, the robber fled into a timberyard and opened fire on police.

The gunman, in his 20s, died from a shot to the head fired from a Heckler and Koch sub-machine gun by a constable attached to one of the Yard's armed response Rovers.

The dead man is the sixth armed robber killed in recent years as officers have responded to the increasing use of guns by robbers. About 75 officers

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CHRIS HARRIS

Dr Michel Odent, who promoted the use of birthing pools in the 1970s, looking at a statue showing natural childbirth techniques

Women 'prisoners of waterbirth project'

By Lucy Berrington

WOMEN have become "prisoners of a project to give birth under water", the pioneer of the waterbirth technique said yesterday, claiming that his objectives about the use of birthing pools have become distorted.

Dr Michel Odent, now based at the Primal Health Research Centre in Hampstead, north London, was talking after St Michael's Hospital in Bristol disclosed that one baby had died and another had suffered brain damage after their mothers had used the pools during labour. The controversy intensified as the Royal College of Obstreticians wrote to Dr Kenneth Calman, the government's chief medical officer, expressing concern about the technique. Dr Odent who pioneered the use of birthing pools in France in 1977, said: "Part of the general public and media have forgotten my original objectives because waterbirths are so spectacular. Water is a way to facilitate the birth process. We are wanting to reduce the number of Caesarian sections and the use of drugs. Pools are a way to do that and they also help to protect the baby and prevent infection."

In 1983 Dr Odent published an article in *The Lancet* outlining the use of the pools as an alternative to drug relief during long or painful labour. "Although nearly all of the women who enter the pool leave it before the birth, the process of delivery can sometimes be so extraordinarily fast under water that some [women] do not leave the pool. Birth under water is therefore not exceptional in our unit, although it may not be intentional," he wrote.

Yesterday he said some women had become too inflexible in their approach to childbirth. "Now underwater birth is becoming intentional and that is why it is perhaps a little dangerous. All women could leave the pool before the birth. Most women feel a rush of adrenaline when they leave the pool and suddenly have two or three strong contractions; many need this. Women might have an easier end of labour if they are not prisoners of a project to give birth in water. It's always better not to have a preconceived script about the birth of a baby."

Dr Odent maintained the validity of waterbirths in the face of criticism from colleagues such as Professor Geoffery Chamberlain of St George's Hospital in south-west London, who said this week that human beings are air-breathing mammals and have no mechanism for stopping the newborn baby breathing before reaching the surface.

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Haiti terror kills hopes of democracy

From Martin Fletcher in Port-au-Prince

TERROR and despair gripped Haiti's capital yesterday as armed thugs, described by diplomats as "forces of real evil", took control of the streets and all hopes of an imminent return to democracy vanished.

The normally bustling city centre was practically empty following Thursday's assassination of the justice minister and the violent disruption of parliament by gunmen determined to prevent the return from exile of Jean-Bertrand Aristide.

The assassination of Guy Malary, the pro-Aristide justice minister, came less than two hours after local radio broadcast President Clinton's warning that members of Haiti's transitional government should not be harmed. It appears to mark the military regime's rejection of the United Nations accord providing for Mr Aristide's return on October 30. The reimposition of UN sanctions from Monday now seems inevitable.

Raoul Cedras, the army chief, gave no sign that he intended to resign yesterday, as the accord stipulated, but it is Michel François, Haiti's brutal police chief, who is fast emerging as the single most ruthless opponent of Mr Aristide's return. Colonel François is widely believed to have ordered the assassination of Mr Malary.

It is Colonel François more than General Cedras who controls the estimated 1,500 armed thugs known as "attachés" who have deliberately created a climate of terror in recent weeks. Leaders of his newly formed political party, the Revolutionary Front for the Advancement and the Progress of Haiti (FRAPH), are now openly declaring that they will kill Mr Aristide.

Colonel François was the protégé of Papa and Baby Doc Duvalier, the infamous Haitian dictators, and the attachés are his version of their personal henchmen, the Tontons Macoute. He became police chief after the 1991 coup against Mr Aristide and is since thought since to have amassed a personal fortune of as much as $20m (£13 million). Diplomats said Colonel François had been heard on police radios personally conducting the attachés' movements.

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NEXT WEEK

● **Betty Friedan**, often described as the mother of feminism, sets out to liberate the over-50s in *The Fountain of Age*, serialised in *The Times* next week — arguing that we should discover new ways of fulfilment.

Mandela shares Nobel peace prize

From Michael Hamlyn in Johannesburg

NELSON Mandela, the president of the African National Congress, and President de Klerk of South Africa were jointly awarded the Nobel peace prize yesterday.

The five-man committee of the Norwegian parliament said it was honouring them "for their work for the peaceful termination of the apartheid regime, and for laying the foundations for a new democratic South Africa".

Francis Sejersted, the chairman of the committee which was established under the will of Alfred Nobel, the Swedish inventor of dynamite, in 1895, said he hoped the prize would help curb violence.

While Mr de Klerk described himself as "somewhat overwhelmed", Mr Mandela said that he dedicated the prize to "the people of my country, black and white, who have suffered and endured so much".

In Britain, John Major praised the award of the peace prize to Mr Mandela and Mr de Klerk, saying that they had shown "outstanding courage, statesmanship and vision in charting South Africa's course to democracy and a non-racial future".

☐ **Death sentence:** Clive Derby-Lewis and Janusz Walus were sentenced to death yesterday for the murder of Chris Hani, the general secretary of the South African Communist Party.

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Birmingham Six call for a public enquiry

By Lin Jenkins

THE Birmingham Six yesterday called for a public enquiry into the events surrounding their case after a judge halted the trial of three police officers accused of perjury at their original trial 18 years ago because he believed that a fair trial was impossible.

The six, who were freed after spending 16 years in jail, said they were examining whether they could take their case to the European Court of Human Rights.

Mr Justice Garland, giving his reasons yesterday for granting a stay of the Old Bailey trial of the former West Midlands police officers last week, said he agreed with the defence application that a fair trial was impossible. The Crown's case was so "very narrow" in focusing only on whether interview notes were contemporaneous in an interview with one of the Birmingham Six, given the wider events considered at the trial and appeal hearings, that the trial would be prejudiced. The publicity, particularly after the successful appeal, had left a public perception that the former officers were guilty.

The men, who were awarded costs incurred outside their legal aid, were not in court.

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Senior positions are under attack in the search for £1bn defence savings

Forces chiefs prepare for Treasury war

By Michael Evans
Defence Correspondent

THE Treasury's hunt for another £1 billion saving in defence spending could spark a revolt among the service chiefs. For the second year running the Treasury has put defence at the top of the list for cuts. Delays in orders for frigates, support helicopters and tanks seem likely.

However, the scalpel is also being wielded in the direction of the top brass and senior civil servants. Manpower cuts bring guaranteed short-term savings and, importantly for the Treasury, the most senior commanders are not entitled to redundancy payments. Ministry of Defence officials have already begun a counter-attack. They stress that the two, three and four-star commanders run the equivalent of multi-million-pound businesses and are paid salaries which compare poorly with those in the private sector.

■ The ratio of generals to other ranks in the British Army will have increased by 1995 unless the Treasury makes planned cuts

The Royal Navy, which is being reduced to 52,500 personnel, currently has 41 admirals, of which four go to sea regularly. One of them, Rear Admiral Michael Boyce, Flag Officer Surface Flotilla, would in a conflict command a fighting task group of about 16 ships. Rear Admiral Boyce has a salary of £56,800 and an annual budget of £300 million which he allocates to the 41 operational ships and the 10,000 men and women under his command.

A land-based admiral, Rear Admiral Richard Irwin, chief of the strategic systems executive, on a salary of £56,700, presides over the second largest construction project in Europe after the Channel Tunnel. He is responsible for civil engineering projects at Faslane and Coulport in Scotland, key facilities for the £10 billion Trident submarines. The army is also fighting its corner over the cost effectiveness of its top commanders. There are now 80 generals but this will drop by four or five by the time the Options for Change manpower cuts are completed in April 1995. The ratio of generals to other ranks in 1990 was one to 1,738. By 1995 it will be about one to 1,560, when army manpower will be reduced to 119,000.

The officer with one of the biggest budgets is Lieutenant General Sir John Willsey, commander-in-chief of UK Land Forces, who controls an annual purse of £2.4 billion.

There are currently 17 generals working at the defence ministry in London and nine elsewhere in Britain, such as the director of the Royal Armoured Corps. Of the 80 generals, 23 hold command appointments and there is also one chaplain general.

The RAF has 49 officers with the rank of air vice marshal up to air chief marshal. The current chief of the defence staff is also an airman, Marshal of the Royal Air Force Sir Peter Harding, the government's chief military adviser, is paid £108,000.

The top appointments in the RAF will have dropped from 86 in 1970 when total airforce manpower was 113,000 to a projected 46 in 1995 when RAF manning will be down to 70,000.

Despite the claims that the top posts are being reduced in line with the overall cuts in manpower across the three services, the Treasury is clearly hoping for greater sacrifice.

There has been a persistent cry for more cuts in the number of civil servants working in the ministry. However, there is already a streamlining programme under way, with thousands being decamped to new offices outside London. Civil service manpower at the ministry is dropping from 172,000 in 1990 to about 118,000 by 1996-7.

If the Treasury fails to get its way over the top brass, it will turn once again to equipment. Already a large number of expected orders have been delayed while the public expenditure debate continues.

Defence rebellion, page 1

Army morale hit by defence policy

By Gillian Bowditch, Scotland Correspondent

THE government's present defence policy will lead to a weakened army with poor morale and training standards, according to a report.

Keep Our Scottish Battalions, a campaign led by Lieutenant General Sir John MacMillan, has produced a report on the state of the army ahead of the Commons defence debate on Monday and Tuesday.

The report concludes that the government's defence policy will leave the infantry "overstretched and the army as a whole weakened and unbalanced". It says the army is not structured to meet its commitments and has no reserves to cater for the unexpected. It calls for a proper review to determine the size and composition of the army and its requirements.

If government policy is implemented, the army will be unable to fulfil its additional peacekeeping role in Bosnia, the report says. "Overstretch has reached serious proportions and it is likely to get worse, with consequent adverse effects on recruitment and retention. Training standards, particularly for formations in Germany which are part of the Rapid Reaction Corps, are already giving cause for concern."

Morale within senior ranks is low and is liable to worsen. "The result from over-commitment is that highly skilled and well-motivated individuals leave in search of a more settled existence or the stress of separation leads to marriage break up."

The report concludes: "Britain, if it wishes to retain its place as a permanent member of the Security Council, must play its part in the peacekeeping and, in some cases, peacemaking tasks undertaken by the United Nations. Our own relative peace and stability for so many centuries give us a moral duty to do so. This is the real Peace Dividend."

Malcolm Rifkind, the defence secretary, who is being urged to conduct a new defence review

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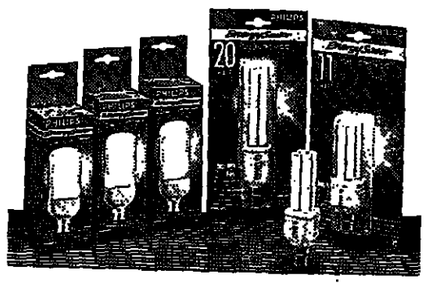

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Labour joins critics of child support system

By Frances Gibb

OPPOSITION MPs are expected to attack the government when Parliament returns over the child maintenance system run by the Child Support Agency. It has provoked protests from divorced fathers, many of whom face hugely increased maintenance payments for their children.

Agency officials yesterday sought to quash suggestion that ministers were considering changes. "The message is that the system is working as intended," a spokesman said. "As part of our ongoing review, we will look at any unforeseen consequences. But it is too early to know yet if any changes will result."

There were conflicting press reports yesterday based on comments by Alistair Burt, the junior social security minister, who said that the government had always predicted a backlash from the agency. However, he denied that the new payments were punitive.

Alistair Burt, page 16

Commuters pay most in London

By Harvey Elliott
Travel Correspondent

THE cost of commuting to work in London is higher than in any other European city, it was claimed yesterday. Transport into the capital costs nearly double the average for workers in the European Community.

The survey, by the Association of London Authorities, which was based on the cheapest possible fare for a six-mile journey, shows that Londoners pay £15.65 a week to commute to work — more than 20 per cent more than in Brussels, the next most expensive city.

A spokesman for the association said: "European visitors are astonished at the cost of public transport in London."

The figures were: London, £15.65; Brussels, 12.95; Berlin, £12.24; Amsterdam, £10.45; Dublin, £9.08; Paris, £8.80; Copenhagen, £8.60; Lisbon, £3.98; Madrid, £2.79; Rome, £2.52; Athens, £2.12. Average: £8.11.

CORRECTIONS

The menus for Frances Bissell's autumn dinners for readers at Claridge's and the Café Royal (Magazine, page 50) were transposed. The full menus, as well as those for the Ritz and the Dorchester, will be printed again in the October 23 issue.

The captions to the photographs of Alan Keith and John Dunn (today's Vision, page 28) are transposed. We apologise to both men. On the front page of Vision, the page numbers given for four inside features are incorrect.

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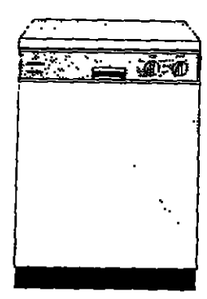

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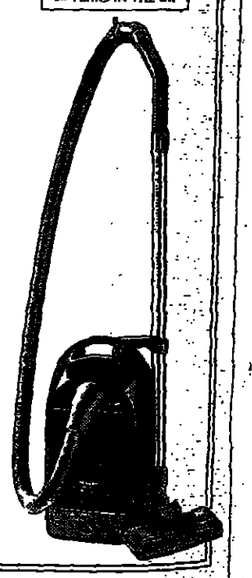

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Arctic winds add to weather problems

Arctic winds bringing overnight frost and ice were expected to make driving hazardous in many parts of the country early today, compounding problems caused by exceptional rainfall. In Scotland the first signs of winter yesterday produced sleet and snow in the Highlands and Islands and a severe weather warning was issued overnight.

Although most areas will remain dry, motorists have been warned to be wary of icy patches caused by seepage from waterlogged fields following the midweek floods of midweek. Tomorrow and Monday are expected to remain dry in most areas, but there might be rain along the west coast which would turn to snow over the Pennines, Lake District and Snowdonia.

One of the coldest places on Thursday night was Aviemore, Highland, where the temperature fell to minus 6C. Snowploughs were out early yesterday in Ballater, Grampian, but police said all roads in the region were passable with care. Photograph and forecast, page 20

Mackay rebuts criticism

The Lord Chancellor yesterday strongly rebutted criticisms of his plans to reform the magistrates' court service, stating that he did not intend central government control. Lord Mackay of Clashfern told the Northamptonshire branch of the Magistrates' Association that he had no intention of subordinating the interests of justice to management efficiency. His proposals will bring in fixed-term contracts for justices' clerks and merge magistrates' courts' areas under a manager or chief justices' clerk.

Dutch sentence appeal

The father of a soccer supporter jailed in Holland is considering suing Dutch police for wrongful imprisonment. Raymond Gregory, 45, of Enfield, north London, said he was outraged that his son Steven, 20, had been jailed for elbowing a policeman. "He has never been in trouble like this before and he is not a football hooligan," he said.

VSEL cuts 300 jobs

Another 300 people are to be made redundant at the VSEL shipyard in Barrow, Cumbria. Manual and administrative staff will both be affected as the workforce is cut to 6,500, the company said. The shipyard employed 14,000 workers in 1991. A fortnight ago, Britain's second Trident submarine, HMS *Victorious*, was rolled out from the yard.

Beaten woman freed

A woman who stabbed her boy friend to death after he had struck her in the face walked free from the High Court in Edinburgh. Janet Small, 30, of Lumphinnans, Fife, who was said to have suffered beatings for 12 years at the hands of Robert Baxter, was sentenced to three years' probation. She had pleaded self-defence to culpable homicide.

Service fault called

Sue Barker, right, the former golden girl of British tennis, is at the centre of a legal wrangle between the BBC and the satellite broadcaster BSkyB, who both claim she is under contract to provide sports coverage for them. Although the BBC said yesterday that Ms Barker, 37, a former Wimbledon semi-finalist, had joined them as a commentator, BSkyB said her contract had a year to run.

Rothermere to remarry

The publisher Viscount Rothermere, whose wife Patricia died last year, is to marry Maiko Lee, 44, a former model from Kyoto, Japan. Lord Rothermere, 68, is chairman of the Daily Mail and General Trust, parent company of Associated Newspapers, which publishes the *Daily Mail*, *The Mail On Sunday* and *Evening Standard*.

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Obstetricians alert chief medical officer after child dies and another suffers brain damage

Water temperature may have killed birthing pool baby

By Jeremy Laurance and Lucy Berrington

■ Hospitals are introducing precautionary measures as fears over the safe use of birthing pools escalates

THE controversy surrounding water births intensified yesterday as doctors warned that the practice could increase the risks to the unborn baby.

The Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists (RCOG) urged the health department to monitor water births after it emerged that a baby died and another was left with possible brain damage after their mothers spent part of their labour in a birthing pool at St Michael's hospital, Bristol.

In each case the mothers were using the pool in the first stage of labour and left the water to give birth. The baby that died was born 18 months ago and the baby with brain damage a "few weeks" ago.

A second death was reported by the John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford, where 300 women a year use the birthing pool, but the hospital said it was not related to immersion in the water.

At a press conference held at St Michael's hospital yesterday, Professor Gordon Stirrat said that the two cases could be "chance events", unrelated to the use of the birthing pool.

But the hospital has introduced checks and reduced the pool's temperature by 5 or 6 degrees C during labour, because of worries that it might have played a part in the deaths. It is also using a new device placed in the ear to give regular checks of the mother's internal body temperature.

Professor Stirrat said that in both cases the children appeared to have been deprived of oxygen. "We think that something happened during the first stage of labour. We speculate that it might have been the temperature of the water. We think that the foetal temperature might have gone up and that stressed the baby."

The St Michael's hospital team set out its concerns in a letter sent to *The Lancet* but it decided to release the details before publication after the death of a baby in a water birth in Sweden sparked calls for inquiries into the safety of the technique.

The RCOG has written to Dr Kenneth Calman, the government's chief medical officer, outlining its worries about water births. In a statement, it said constant monitoring of the practice was needed to enable women to "make a reasoned choice".

A nationwide survey of water births, ordered by the health department, began last July in response to concerns about the safety of the practice. The £85,000 study by the National Perinatal Epidemiology Unit in Oxford will assess how many women are using birthing pools, differences between hospitals in their use, and problems that have arisen.

> 'A fifth of women using pools give birth underwater. Babies should surface within half a minute'

The survey was ordered by the health department in response to a recommendation of the Commons health select committee last year that all hospitals should provide the pools where practicable.

Dr Mary Renfrew, director of the midwifery research programme at the epidemiology unit that is conducting the survey, said that problems happened at births in and out of the water. Latest national figures for perinatal mortality show that eight babies in every thousand are stillborn or die within the first week.

The use of pools during labour was brought to Britain by the French obstetrician Dr Michel Odent in the late 1970s. There are now more than 150 birthing pools available for hire in Britain and at least 80 hospitals have facilities for water births, according to Keith Brainin, director of the Active Birth Centre in London.

Mr Brainin estimated that 2-3 per cent of births in Britain involved pools. He said about a fifth of the women using pools give birth underwater but emphasised that babies should be brought to the surface within half a minute of delivery.

"It is important to note that there have been protocols established about the temperature of the water, contraindications for when it shouldn't be used and how they need to be followed. Until it becomes clear what the cause of death was in Sweden I see no reason to change," he said.

Jayn Ingrey, who had her son in birthing pool in 1989, said a long painful labour was transformed by the water, which she believes saved her from an epidural or caesarian section. "I experienced instant, total pain relief when I went into the water. It was the most wonderful experience."

Mrs Ingray was so impressed that she gave up "a very good job with Shell International" to promote waterbirths and now runs Splashback Waterbirth Services in Harrow, which arranges water births and offers pools for hire. She has helped more than 2,000 women.

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DES JENSON

Simon and Heidi McClusky were delighted with their first son, Dane, born underwater at their home in Northamptonshire in 1989. Many women have found that birthing pools ease pain and accelerate labour. Dozens of hospitals have pools and others plan to install them

About 3 per cent of births in Britain involve use of a birthing pool at some stage

Swedish centre halts underwater deliveries

From Nicholas George in Stockholm

THE largest centre for water births in Sweden has suspended the practice until after an investigation into the death last week of a child born in a birth pool.

The baby was delivered with the help of two midwives, but not in a hospital. Police and medical authorities suspect that the infant drowned.

Giving birth in water became popular in Sweden in the eighties but demand has declined in recent years. Since 1987, about 150 children have been delivered by the method at Nacka hospital near Stockholm. The practice was suspended on Thursday.

A midwife at the hospital said: "We will wait to see the reason for the baby's death before we continue."

Dr Lennart Rinder, director of supervision for Sweden's national boards of health, is investigating the case. "There is an indication that the baby got water into its lungs but we are still awaiting the results of test before we are sure of the cause of death," he said.

In 1992 new regulations on water births at home were issued, emphasising that the actual birth must take place in air. If it is found that the child drowned, the midwives could face criminal charges.

Two jailed for beating couple

By A Staff Reporter

TWO men were jailed for 12 years each yesterday for beating an elderly couple so badly that they could not face remaining in the home where they had lived for 43 years.

Nellie and Leonard Curry, aged 84 and 76, were hit with a foot-long stick by Jason Jay and Leonard Jones, who tricked their way into their bungalow, pretending to have broken down, and asking to use their telephone to call for help.

During the five-day trial at Exeter Crown Court, the jury was told that the pair beat the couple with a broken walking stick, leaving Mr Curry lying unconscious in a pool of blood at the bungalow in West Monkton, Somerset. His wife was also beaten, but she regained consciousness and was forced to hand over their savings.

Jay left a bloody boot print on the carpet after putting his foot on Mrs Curry's injured neck.

Brian Lett, for the prosecution, told the court: "It is clear that the violence used towards Mr and Mrs Curry was extensive and must have continued for some time." Mr and Mrs Curry were so affected by their ordeal that they had left the area.

Jay, 27, and Jones, 22, both from Taunton, Somerset, had denied malicious wounding and robbery. They admitted burglary.

After the case, John Curry, 50, the couple's son, said: "My father was a fit and active man. Now he can't walk more than about a mile. He was mild mannered, but now he gets confused and starts to cry or get angry and aggressive. He still has perfect vision in his right eye but his left is useless and he has been told it won't get better."

His mother and father were too frightened to go back home and he had had to give up his job to look after them. "It has shattered all our lives," he said.

Police kill robber in dustcart gun battle

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serve in the ARVs which provide a 24-hour armed cover. Last night the Police Complaints Authority began an investigation.

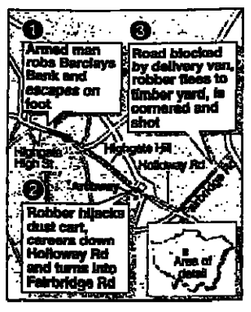
The gunman had held up Barclays Bank in Highgate High Street just before midday. As the alarm was raised he fled with £1,600 and three unarmed officers — one of them a woman — gave chase. The robber fired at the police who ducked behind cars. In Archway the gunman forced three workmen in a Haringey dustcart from the cab and drove off, chased by police cars.

He fired shots at the cars until, in Fairbridge Road, he was blocked by a delivery lorry and ran from the cart into a yard. Philip Elson, who was in the timberyard office, said: "We heard the sirens and saw this dustcart get stuck just outside, behind a lorry which was double-parked. At first I thought the police car was trying to get past the lorry. The police car stopped and a policeman got out with a rifle.

"He went straight down into a kneeling position and immediately fired off a cartridge. Several more shots were fired, I think from both sides. The gunman was firing indiscriminately at police, who were diving for cover and putting on bullet-proof jackets.

"It was like being in the middle of *Gunfight at the OK Corral*. The police were brilliant. They had no option but to shoot him."

A bullet missed Adam Smith, 24, a musician who was passing, by inches, ricochetting off a wall and showering him with pebbles.



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Tories repeat tough line on offenders

By Jonathan Prynn

JOHN Major yesterday maintained the momentum of the Tory policy blitz on crime with a warning to persistent offenders that they could no longer expect to be let off with a caution.

Speaking in his Huntingdon constituency last night, the prime minister promised "a much tougher line" on cautioning in draft Home Office guidelines to be published on October 29.

Mr Major said he had a simple message for those who habitually offend: "In future don't bank on getting off with a caution — expect to be charged."

Mr Major's words followed a confrontation between Michael Howard, the home secretary, and Lord Woolf earlier this week over the package of 27 measures to tackle crime announced by the home secretary at the Tory party conference.

Mr Major and Mr Howard are determined to head off the resistance of the liberal legal establishment with measures they believe will command widespread public support.

Mr Howard said yesterday that too many cautions encouraged people to believe they could get away with crime. Those who receive cautions "should consider themselves very lucky indeed", he said in a speech to the Wokingham Conservative Association.

The draft guidelines will go out for two months' consultation, with the final version expected near the end of the year.

Labour yesterday responded by rejecting Mr Howard's emphasis on prison sentences as the best way of tackling crime. Tony Blair, the shadow home secretary, said in a speech last night that Mr Howard's 27-point plan was "an exercise in cynicism, not policy". By denying the role of prevention, the home secretary could not hope to cut crime, Mr Blair said.

☐ Mr Howard made his first visit to a young offenders' institution yesterday.

During an hour-long visit to an institution in Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire, he met staff and inmates aged from 17 to 21 serving from three years to life.

At a press conference afterwards, Mr Howard said: "I was particularly interested in what I have seen of the way in which incentives are built into the regime to encourage good behaviour. That can be extended throughout the prison service."

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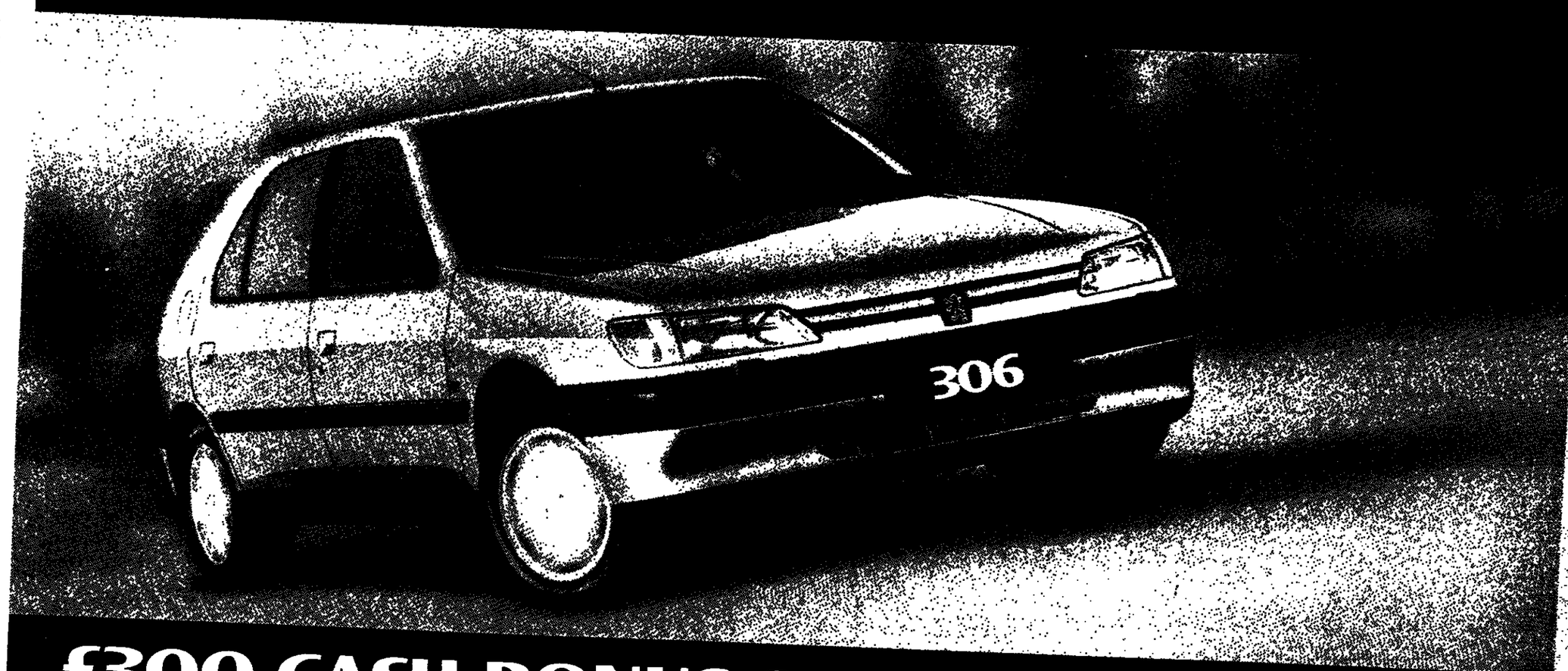

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Publicity makes Birmingham Six case synonymous with forced confessions, Old Bailey is told

Judge denies collapse of trial sets a precedent

By Lin Jenkins

■ A judge said a jury could not isolate the narrow Crown case over notes of interviews from allegations appearing in the media

THE judge who halted the trial of three retired police officers accused of perjury and conspiracy to pervert the course of justice in the Birmingham Six case said yesterday that his decision was an exceptional one.

Mr Justice Garland, giving his full judgment on granting a stay of the trial, said there were circumstances in which a fair trial was no longer possible. He awarded legal costs to the three men.

The Birmingham Six called for a public enquiry into their case and denounced the Director of Public Prosecutions for failing to bring a sustainable case against the officers.

The judge said he agreed with arguments put by defence counsel for the three former West Midlands officers who investigated the Birmingham pub bombings in which 21 people died. However, he added that his decision did not have any bearing on other cases.

The judge concluded that it would be impossible to isolate the very narrow Crown case on whether notes of interviews with one of the accused, Richard McIlkenny, were made contemporaneously from allegations that confessions were forced from the suspects.

The defence had argued that a jury would be bound to consider wider issues than those in the indictment, and form a view about alleged confessions.

The judge said that the case of the Birmingham Six had become synonymous with forced confessions, those obtained by violence, threats or oppression, because of the volume, intensity and nature of the publicity.

However, the judge said he was not suggesting that media coverage should have been restricted. He said: "I am concerned simply with the effect of what actually occurred in particular circumstances of this case, not questions of policy."

The three men, retired Det Supt George Reade, former Det Sgt Colin Morris and former Det Con Terence Woodwiss, were not in court for the judgment. Their solicitor said that although they still lived under a shadow of suspicion they would not support a public enquiry because of risks to potential witnesses from members of the IRA.

The judge urged that the standard of proof needed for a jury to convict was greater than that required for the Court of Appeal to decide that a conviction was unsafe and unsatisfactory.

After the quashing of the convictions of the Six in 1991, publicity had made the case synonymous with forced confession and given the impression that the Court of Appeal had found "the defendants guilty of prejudice and conspiracy". This was not the case, he said, "although the general public perception was that it had".

The judge said that following the West Midlands chief constable's fresh enquiry into the bombings, a report was shortly to be submitted to the Director of Public Prosecutions. "I have had the advantage of seeing the material gathered during this further enquiry," he said.

He said that re-examining events of 1974 raised "witness and evidence difficulties".

At a press conference afterwards, Patrick Hill, one of the Six, said: "The judges' reasons are a disgrace."

Hugh Callaghan, another of the men, said they were subject to "smears, innuendo and an intolerable whispering campaign which casts doubt on our innocence".

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MARC ASPLAND

William Power and Patrick Hill issue a call for a public enquiry into the case of the Birmingham Six yesterday

Rape case man called police to 'expose lie'

By A Staff Reporter

A STUDENT accused of raping a fellow undergraduate called the police himself because he was determined to show that she was lying, a court was told yesterday.

Giving evidence at the Old Bailey, Austen Donnellan, 21, said: "I was sure I had done nothing wrong. I thought she had enjoyed it as much as I had."

Mr Donnellan, who was a student with his alleged victim at King's College London, said that she had lain in bed with him murmuring and making noises of sexual pleasure. "She was very energetic and active," he said.

The prosection alleges that he had sex with the woman against her will while she was in a drunken stupor after a college party. He denies rape.

"This idea that she was in a drunken stupor is a lie," he told the jury. "She can remember a lot of what happened that night. She is lying."

He said that he was totally confused when she accused him of assaulting her. He was shocked when he met her in class the next day and she "freaked out", telling him to stay away from her. It was wrong to suggest that she had been too drunk to consent to sex and he had no idea why she had accused him of rape.

He said that when the incident was reported to the college authorities he made a statement but refused an invitation to admit to a lesser charge than rape. He felt so strongly that he was "innocent of everything" that he went to the police.

The trial continues on Monday.

Employee lavished stolen cash on mistress

By A Staff Reporter

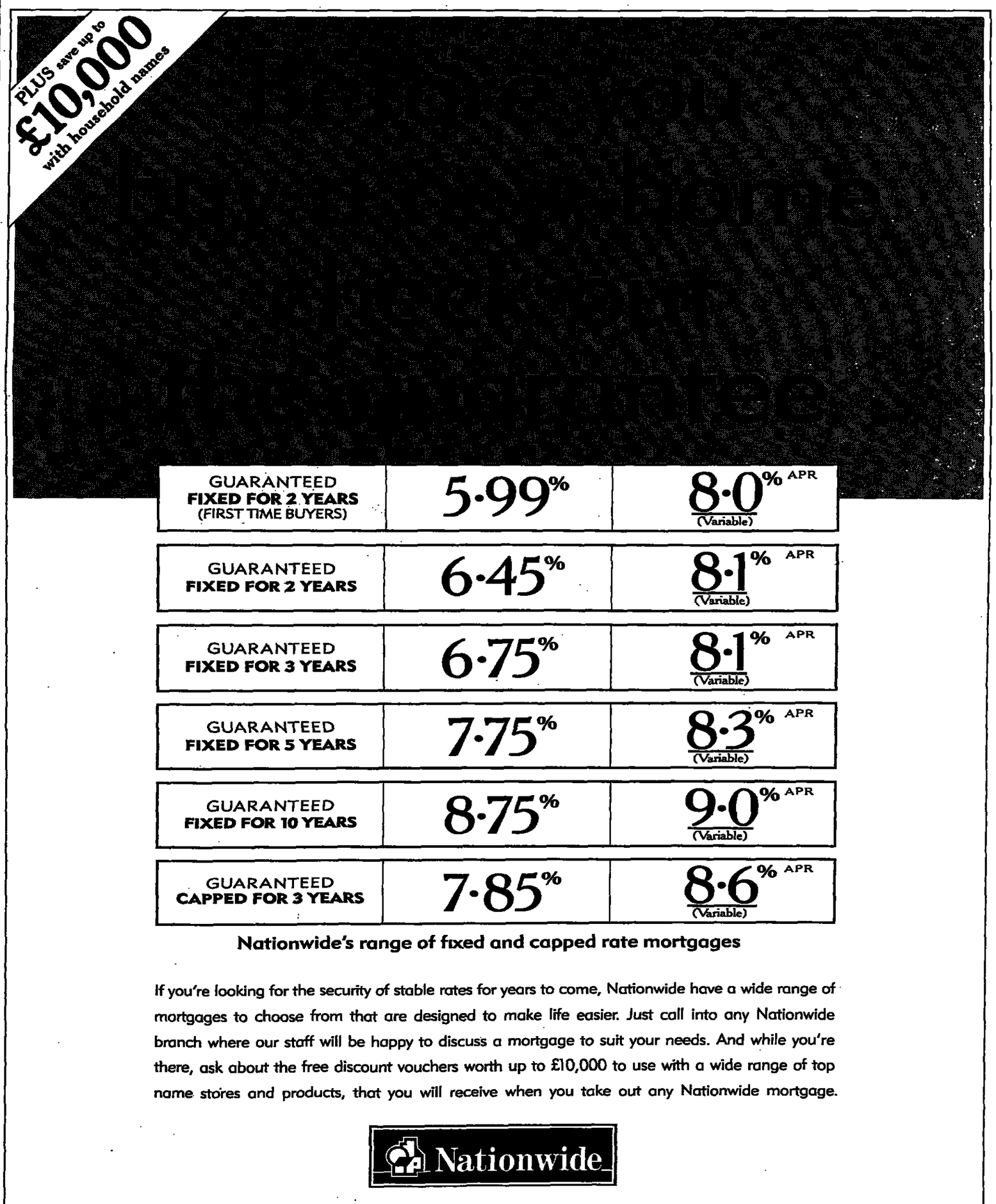
A COMPANY book-keeper stole £400,000 from his employers to lavish on his home, his wife and his mistress, a court was told yesterday.

Andrew Harper, 32, refurnished his house in Canvey Island, Essex, learnt to fly helicopters and spent weekends abroad with his mistress. His wife knew nothing of the other woman until his company discovered the thefts, Snaresbrook Crown Court, east London, was told. They are now divorcing.

Harper was jailed for four years after admitting seven sample charges of theft. Judge Barrington Black QC told him that he was spending "at the rate of someone who had just won the pools and didn't know how to get rid of the money quickly enough".

Harper, who was a warehouseman before retraining as a book-keeper, set up bogus companies and siphoned large sums into their bank accounts. The theft was uncovered when a dozen cheques totalling £60,000 were stopped by the company's bankers because it could not afford to pay them.

Outside the court, Det Con David Hanley, who led the investigation, said: "It's amazing he wasn't caught earlier. He is a man on £12,000 a year with a wife who is not working and three little kids all living in a tiny semi. But over a period of eighteen months to two years he bought a Volvo car with £26,000 in cash, he had helicopter lessons which cost about £10,000 and then was hiring them to take his family and mistress on flying trips."



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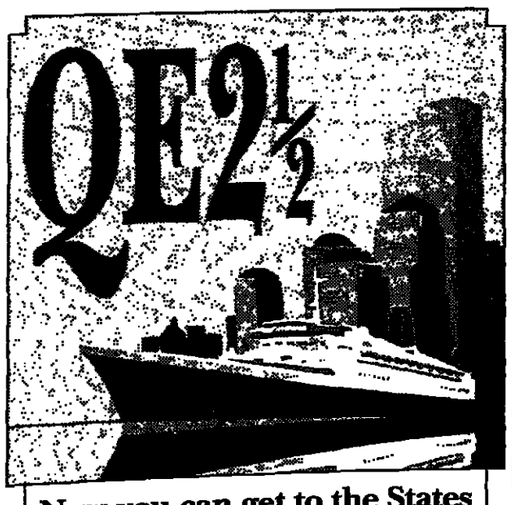

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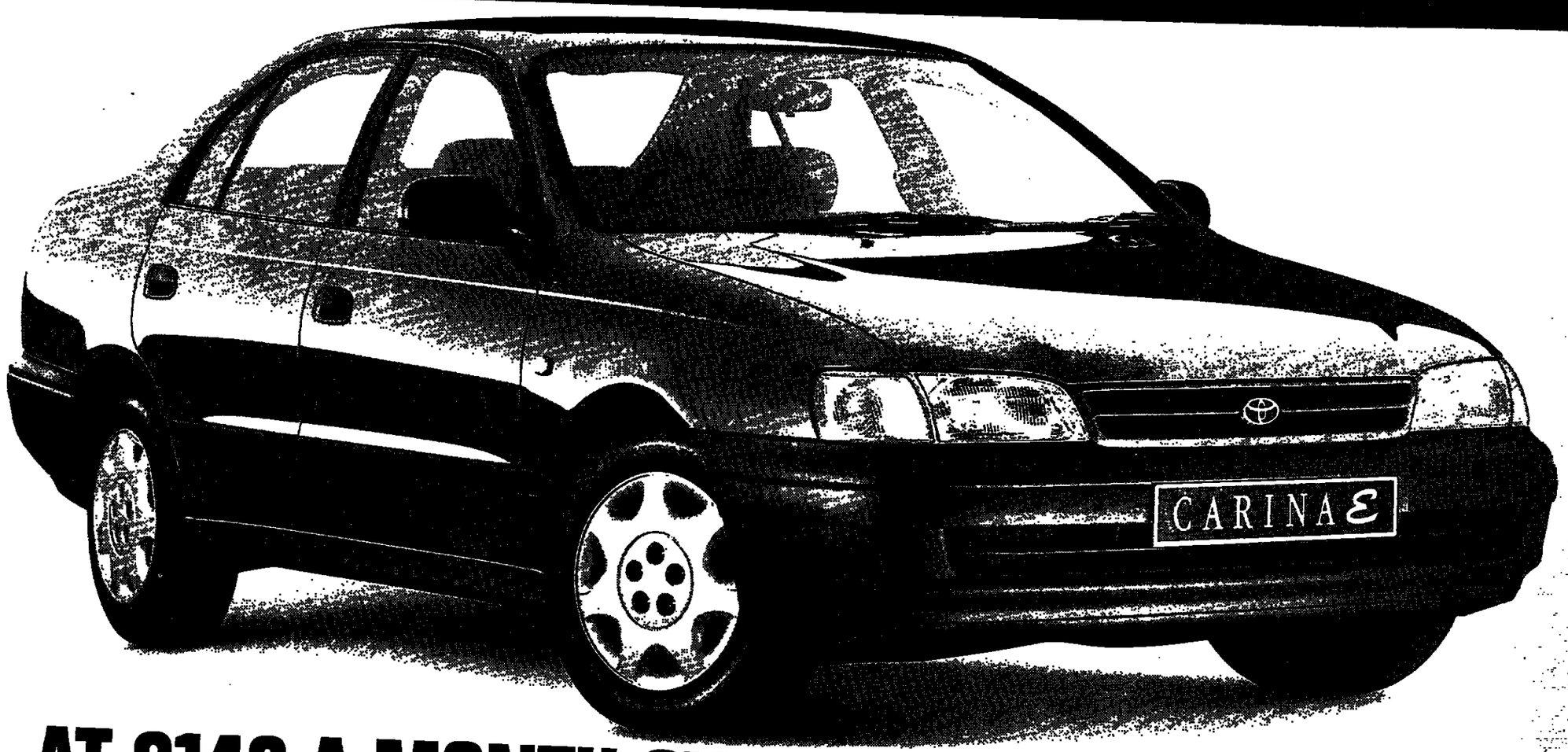

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Union says job cuts will turn museum into theme park

By Nigel Hawkes
Science Editor

■ Up to 55 jobs must go if the Science Museum is to restore neglected buildings and cover the latest technology, its director says

PLANS to cut staff at the Science Museum in London are facing strong opposition from unions which claim scholarship will be damaged and the museum turned into a theme park.

Dr Neil Cossons, the museum's director, denies the charges and says that the staff cuts — a quarter of the curators, a third of the library staff and a quarter of the staff at the National Railway Museum in York — will release the money needed to renew buildings and modernise galleries.

Dr Cossons hopes to cut up to 55 permanent posts by voluntary redundancy, and says that 150 staff have already asked about terms. If there are insufficient volunteers, compulsory redundancies might be needed.

Alan Leighton, national officer of the Institution of Professionals, Managers and Scientists, which represents middle-ranking staff at the museum, has written to Peter Brooke, the national heritage minister, protesting at the redundancies. He warns of "severe and irreparable damage", and fears that similar programmes may be introduced at other museums.

Mr Leighton said that the Science Museum made a surplus of £2.6 million last year and has no need to make savings. But Dr Cossons says that this is a misreading of the accounts, and that the museum has been spending only £2 million a year on capital investment, when it should be spending £9.5 million a year.

"We have to make good the long-term neglect, and bring contemporary science and technology into the museum," he says. "We don't cover biotechnology or information technology. We are allowing the past to overwhelm the present."

At union meetings, motions deploring the redundancies have been passed unanimously. Mr Leighton's letter to Mr Brooke warns that "we may be on the verge of a dispute which could be extremely damaging". Staff at the museum say that morale is low, and that the announcement of the proposed redundancies was poorly handled. "It was terribly crass," one said. "We were simply told of the plans without warning."

Another member of staff said: "The director seems to see no future in the collections division, which covers curators. What he wants is more fancy displays and less scholarship."

The unions have accused Dr Cossons of refusing to discuss the plans with the staff, in breach of legal obligations. He points out that he has written to all staff explaining the policy, that discussions with

Cossons: buildings must be modernised

assistant directors responsible for each division are in progress, and that he will have a further meeting with staff on October 25.

Dr Cossons envisages new people being employed by the museum on short-term contracts. "We are trying to make ourselves a more modern employer," he says.

Staff say that the plan is possible only because the heritage department has changed the system under which the budget is allocated. Instead of separate amounts for staff, acquisitions and buildings, a lump sum is now provided, allowing museum management to determine how it is distributed. Mr Leighton says this will allow other museums to perform the same transfers, putting staff everywhere at risk.

Dr Cossons says this is a misunderstanding. "We have always shifted money about from account to account," he says. "All it took was a telephone call to the heritage department." He says the museum must take a leading role in the drive towards greater public understanding of science, highlighted in this summer's white paper on science and technology. "It's an enormous opportunity for us, but first we have to sharpen our focus on contemporary science and technology," he said.

☐ Sir Hugh Leggatt, elder statesman of the heritage and art world, has entered the row over the choice of a new director of the National Portrait Gallery (Alison Roberts writes).

The dispute over the appointment of Charles Saumarez-Smith, head of research at the Victoria and Albert Museum, entered a new phase yesterday with his official approval to the new post by John Major.

Senior figures in the art world wanted Dr Malcolm Rogers, the present deputy director, to get the job.

Sir Hugh, an honorary adviser and benefactor to the National Portrait Gallery for 46 years, expressed astonishment at the decision. "Malcolm Rogers is an exceptional man and I am very surprised that he was not chosen."

Although nobody is questioning Dr Saumarez-Smith's ability, his opponents are perplexed at the decision to overlook Dr Rogers. Dr Saumarez-Smith will take up the directorship, one of the foremost posts in the museum world, in January next year when the present incumbent, Dr John Hayes, retires.

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MARTIN BEDDALL

Brian Angliss, AC Cars' managing director, at the wheel of the 143mph Ace, built to rival the Mercedes SL

British Ace trumps foreign rivals

By Kevin Eason, Motoring Correspondent

THE car that Ford wanted to kill off will be unveiled next week and promises to become a symbol of the revival of racy British models.

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There have been AC cars on the roads since the start of the century and the company has a worldwide reputation for its Cobra sports car, a muscular two-seater of awesome power which is hand-built at Weybridge, Surrey, on the site of the legendary Brooklands race track.

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The relationship between Mr Angliss and Ford was an unhappy one, ending abruptly when Ford decided to pull out of the Brooklands business, which then had an annual output of 60 cars.

That would have meant the end of AC if Mr Angliss had not spent two years in legal wrangling before Ford gave up and allowed him to buy its 50.9 per cent share.

The result is the AC Ace, a stunning new car which cost £5 million to develop and which Mr Angliss hopes will rival Mercedes' much-vaunted SL sports models.

The styling is sleek and luxurious, but Mr Angliss said yesterday that the Ace's virtue was that it was a traditional British sports car offering acceleration to fire the car from rest to 60mph in 5.9 seconds and on to a top speed of 143mph. Power for that lightning performance comes from an American 5-litre Ford engine — a sign that the rift has been healed.

Mr Angliss said: "We have tried to keep up the standards of a Mercedes or Jaguar, yet still keep all the qualities that drivers would expect from a traditional British sports car."

The planned production run will be for up to 250 cars next year, in addition to the 60 Cobras. With a rust-proof stainless steel chassis and aluminium body, Mr Angliss believes customers will be buying a "car for life".

Capri spawns a son

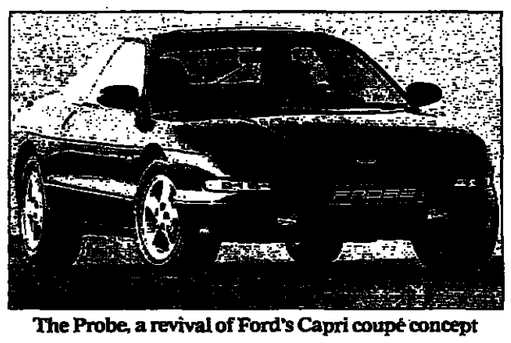
FORD has found a successor to one of its most popular models (Kevin Eason writes).

The Ford Capri was loved by boy racers who could not afford an expensive two-seater but could dream from behind the wheel of a Dagenham-built coupé.

Ford sold more than 1.8 million Capris from 1969 when it was launched as "the car you always promised yourself" until the model was pensioned off in 1987, overtaken by the craze for GTi hatchbacks.

But now Ford has decided to revive the coupé format with the Probe, a car built in America in a joint venture with Mazda of Japan, which will be shown next week at the London Motor Show.

The Probe will come in two guises: a two-litre base model and a 2.5-litre version capable of 130mph.



The Probe, a revival of Ford's Capri coupé concept

NEWS IN BRIEF

Student starved to death

A Ghanaian student who starved to death in his hall of residence in Southampton was buried in a pauper's grave yesterday.

It is believed that George Kojorjee, 41, a maths statistics student, either fasted or starved because he could not afford food. His friends told the Ghanaian high commission that he may have been involved with a religious cult.

A full inquest is due to be held on Tuesday.

Four on Loyalist gun charges

Four men appeared before Middleton magistrates in Manchester after a Special Branch investigation into Loyalist gun-running.

Edward Fogg, 30, Arthur Ridgeway, 47, Robert Watson, 51, and Brian Kay, 51, are accused of possessing firearms to enable others to endanger life. Mr Fogg, Mr Ridgeway and Mr Watson, all of Middleton, were remanded in custody. Mr Kay, of Rochdale, was bailed.

Long task

Human remains found in a concrete slab under a house in Bristol last week may take several more days to identify. A pathologist is using a hammer and chisel to extricate the remains from the one-ton slab.

Pupil shot

A boy aged 14 has been questioned and bailed after a pupil at Jaffray School in Erdington, Birmingham, was shot in the head by an air gun. The injured boy, also 14, has been discharged from hospital.

Road killing

Jasen Dookhy, 19, who died two days after being found on a road in Tunbridge Wells, Kent, was the victim of a hit-and-run accident, police said.

Gay vote

Students at a Cambridge Union debate voted 693-31 to reduce the age of homosexual consent from 21 to 16.

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Police leader warns of losers in drive against burglaries

By Stewart Tendler
Crime Correspondent

■ The Sheehy report and the white paper on policing are causing concern about the independence of the police from government

POLICE may have to cut back investigations into domestic and racial violence because of pressure to concentrate on mainstream crime, the new leader of Britain's chief constables said yesterday.

John Smith, deputy commissioner of the Metropolitan police and president elect of the Association of Chief Police Officers, said the police now had objectives set out by government, police authorities and communities with only limited budgets.

Mr Smith said: "The activities of police forces will be constrained. If people are saying your primary tasks have to be in relation to crime, its detection and prevention, and the crimes most feared are burglary, sex offences and murder, by virtue of those objectives we will have to focus on them. If we do, it follows we will have to do less of some of the things we do now."

In an interview with *The Times* days before taking over the leadership of Britain's top officers, Mr Smith said there would have to be a significant debate about what police should demote. "Wherever you look to disassociate yourself from policing responsibilities, there are groups who are placed at risk. We have developed the ability to deal with vulnerable groups.

"I would like to think we could continue to do this, but quite honestly if there are other more important responsibilities there are some that will have to drop off and there are some people who will not be as well protected as they presently are."

He pointed to recent progress by police in domestic violence, child abuse and racial attacks; work with the young; and areas of crime which did not touch the general population. Fraud, for example, might not be considered as significant a crime as some others; but people might say fraud could damage national economies. "Wherever you turn to drop something off, you come up with very good arguments as to why you should not. But if people want us to focus on some things, others have got to go by the board."

Mr Smith, a former senior Scotland Yard detective and at one stage a leading contender for the leadership of the Royal Ulster Constabulary and the Metropolitan police, was speaking ahead of government pronouncements on the future of the police: decisions are expected soon on the Sheehy report.

Some chief constables have said they could not work with the full proposals. Mr Smith said that if the Sheehy report and the government's white paper on policing went through in full, there must be concern about the continued independence of the police from government influence.

If Britain wanted to move towards American or European models, including a ministry of the interior, then the issue should be debated.

Asked what he thought of the present debate on law and order between the home secretary and Lord Woolf, Mr Smith said the pendulum within the criminal justice system may well have moved too far towards the offenders. But if offenders did go to prison it had to be a rehabilitation and retraining process.

"You have got to attempt to change them, otherwise it's a void," he said. "They will only come out to do the things they were sent to prison for in the first place." Mr Smith added that he felt the one key change in crime fighting would be identity cards. "I wonder how many confrontations police have with members of the public where identity cannot be properly established."

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ADRIAN BROOKS

John Smith, leader of the Association of Chief Police Officers, urges debate on what the police should be doing

Roadside cameras cut fatal crash toll

By Michael Horsnell

POLICE cameras installed on London roads a year ago to catch speeding motorists have helped to cut deaths and serious accidents by more than 40 per cent.

The disclosure yesterday by the transport department will give a boost to the government's aim of cutting road casualties by a third by 2000. The statistics are taken from cameras set up on 21 dangerous roads in west London last October. They showed that fatal and serious casualties fell by 41 per cent, total casualties by 22 per cent, accidents by 24 per cent and average speeds by between 5mph and 7mph.

The Metropolitan police said yesterday that the pilot scheme had been so successful in improving driver behaviour that 150 camera sites would be in operation in Greater London by the end of the year.

Steven Norris, transport minister for London, said: "The fall in the number of deaths is dramatic: only three in nine months, compared with an average of 16 before the cameras were introduced."

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False worship at medical temples

Edward Norman

It is St Luke's Day on Monday, patron of physicians, symbol of the ministry of healing which Christ himself practised.

But the modern obsession with health care, which seems such a satisfying moral accompaniment of the social state, is not the manifestation of any particularly Christian sentiment, even in a country like ours which sees itself, still, as being in some sense Christian.

The obsession with the health care industry is, on the contrary, a sign of the increasing pervasiveness of the secular religion of humanity: it is almost a surrogate religion, whose temples are the local health centres, whose cathedrals are the hospitals, and whose contentious theology is debated on the television screens. No respectable soap opera fails to contain occasional reference to a fashionable issue of medical politics; no politician will omit to pay his respects at the shrine of social medicine. For the health question, which seems so unambiguously moral, has in reality become a matter of popular entertainment, as well as the high-minded banter of politicians and the whine of back-yard moralists.

Foreign observers of the 1992 election got the amazed impression that the outcome was being made to turn, not on the higher purposes for which the state exists, nor on rival interpretations of the moral bases of human exchange, but upon children with earache and the length of hospital waiting-lists.

The Americans are as obsessed with the health business as we are, but with some instructive differences of emphasis. Medical issues as conveyed on American television are all about personal survival and the latest advances in medical technology: they are, in their rather messy way, celebrations of life. In Britain, on the other hand, programmes are all about individual entitlements, squalid rows about who gets what, and medical administration.

Both because of the sour note in the British concern over personal levels of welfare entitlement, and because of the function of health care concern as a substitute for religious faith, the traditional Christian vocation of healing seems to have been removed to the margin. With the usual modern *penchant* for representing material welfare issues as the very quintessence of morality — as proof that this is the most caring age that the world has ever seen — no one really feels the case needs to be established. It is all self-evidently true: the past was taken up with silly technical points of religious dogma, and with the notions of personal sinfulness and the coming divine judgment, while we, the men and women of today, care. What further need of witness? The urgency of human suffering is greater than archaic disputations about religious formulae.

How surprised St Luke would have been at this outcome of the Christian dimension which he is symbolically taken to have added to the ancient vocation of healing! For Christ healed the sick and the disabled in effusive demonstrations of his sovereignty over the world; it was also the supreme example of service for its own sake, not for entitlements or rewards. What was true then, however, is true still: only one of the lepers who were cleansed returned to give thanks to God.

☐ *Dr Edward Norman is chaplain of Christ Church College, Canterbury.*

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Defiant challenge blocks Kasparov's victory march

BY RAYMOND KEENE
CHESS CORRESPONDENT

MANY players who had undergone the kind of catastrophic start that Nigel Short experienced in *The Times* World Chess Championship, where he scored just half a point from the first four games, would have suffered a psychological collapse.

Short, however, has displayed his fighting qualities by staying in the match against Kasparov. Indeed, during the past eight games he has made an even score against the greatest champion in the history of chess.

For game 17, the opening was controversial. Kasparov, playing White, claims that Black's strategy was one that should have led to Short's disadvantage. Short, however, claims that his active piece play compensates for the weaknesses in his pawn structure.

On move 24 the British challenger landed an unexpected blow, sacrificing a bishop on an empty square, which enabled him to press for a win *for a further 17 moves. The* draw was agreed after the champion had shed a pawn and had to defend with extreme accuracy.

1 e4 e5
2 Nf3 Nc6
3 d4...

Kasparov repeats the Scotch Opening, as in game 11.

3 ... exd4
4 Nxd4 Bc5
5 Nxc6 Qf6
6 Qd2 dxc6

Up to move 6 the game was played in the style of Paul Morphy, the 19th century genius from America. Short, in true Morphy style, now sacrifices pawn structure for greater piece activity.

7 Nc3 Be6
8 Na4 Rd8

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9 Bd3 Bd4
10 0-0 a6

Move 10 was Nigel Short's new move. In game 11 he played 10 ... Ne7, but soon found himself in difficulties.

11 Nc3 Ne7
12 Ne2 Bb6
13 Qf4 Ng6

Kasparov: "I have a majority of pawns on the kingside but Short has chances to defend. *Frankly speaking I think that* Short's choice 13 ... Ng6 is a bad move. I don't want to argue publicly with Nigel about pawn structure but to be *honest I am really surprised* that he doesn't care about pawn weaknesses in his position."

14 Qxd6 gxd6

Short: "*Most grandmasters* are horrified by these doubled pawns, but they do not bother me if I can have active pieces."

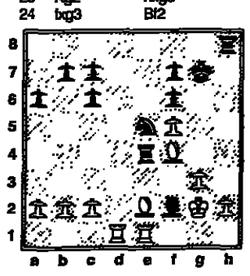
15 Ng3 h5
16 Be2 h4
17 Nf5 ...

"From moves 15 to 17 ... this knight has been remarkably active."

17 ... Bxf5
18 exf5 Ne5
19 Re1 Kf8
20 Bf4 Rd4

Kasparov: "Move 20 is inaccurate. My strategy must be to reduce the number of rooks on the board."

21 g3 Kg7
22 Rad1 Re4
23 Kg2 hxg3
24 hxg3 Bf2



Short: "This is my thunderbolt. Kasparov had clearly overlooked it. I was delighted with this move."

25 Kxf2 Rxh2+
26 Kf1 Rexe2

Move 26 is is the second key move of the combination, without which Short's sacrifice of a bishop would not work. The point is to rip away the defence of White's rook on d1, after which Short regains his material plus an extra pawn.

27 Rxe2 Rh1+
28 Kf2 Rxd1
29 b3 Rd7
30 Rd2 Rxd2+
31 Bxd2 c5
32 Ke3 c6

After move 32, Kasparov said: "My position was so good that I could blunder away a full pawn and still be in no serious danger of losing. *This says something about the* nature of the position."

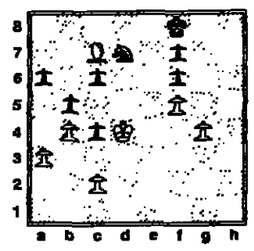
33 Ke4 c4
34 b4 b5
35 Bf4 Nd7
36 Kd4 Kf8
37 Bc7 Ke7
38 g4 Kf8
39 Bd6+ Kg7
40 Bc7 Kf8
41 a3 Draw agreed

Kasparov: "For Nigel to make progress he needs some good pawns to move in the endgame, but he doesn't have any.

"If I had made any mistakes during this ending there might have been some chances for Short, but I played very accurately. My bishop has shut Short's king and knight out from entering the game. Even if Short had tried to get his king active by playing it to h6 I could always drive him back with Bf4+."

Short: "I have exhausted all my chances, therefore I offered a draw, which Kasparov accepted."

Final position



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MICHAEL POWELL

Nigel Short slakes his thirst between games

First win renews Short's ambition

BY DANIEL JOHNSON

NIGEL Short says that he believes "for the first time" that he is capable of wresting *The Times* World Chess Championship from Garry Kasparov, after a week in which the champion lost his first game of the match and came close to defeat again on Thursday. But Short, who has the advantage of White in *today's eighteenth game*, concedes that he has only "minute" chances of overhauling Kasparov's 11-6 lead.

Kasparov's claim after the *seventeenth game that his* errors were due to the fact that he was "tired and emotionally exhausted" prompted a caustic response from Short: "He *can't really tolerate the fact* that I have been playing on equal terms with him."

Short pointed out that, in the past eight games of the match, each player had won one and the rest had been drawn. He said: "He's used to me collapsing, as I used to do before this match. Now something has happened. So he thinks it has to be something wrong with him, because it *can't* be something right with me. He likes to think that if only he didn't have these worries — personal, political, whatever — he would win every game. It's not modesty at all — quite the reverse."

Short looked cheerful despite the score — Kasparov only needs one more win or two draws to tie the match and retain his title. He was asked whether winning game 16 had changed his attitude. "It does *make a difference," he said.* "This was the last thing I really had to prove.

"I feel very much at ease. Maybe for the first time I have *started to imagine that I could* become world champion. My chances of winning this match are minute, but that won't stop me trying. Next time I play *him in a long match, though,* things will be different."

Short is adamant that all 24 games must be played, as had been agreed with the sponsors before the match. Kasparov has claimed that there is no point if he has an unassailable lead. Short said: "When you have a contract, it must be honoured unless *all* parties agree to change it. I will play the remaining games in exactly the same competitive spirit, whether or not he has already won the match."

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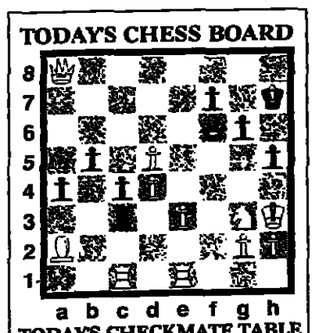

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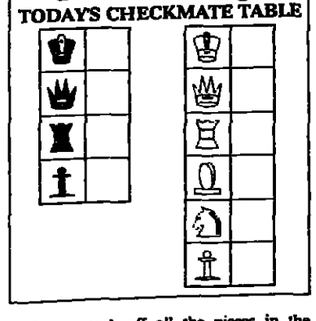

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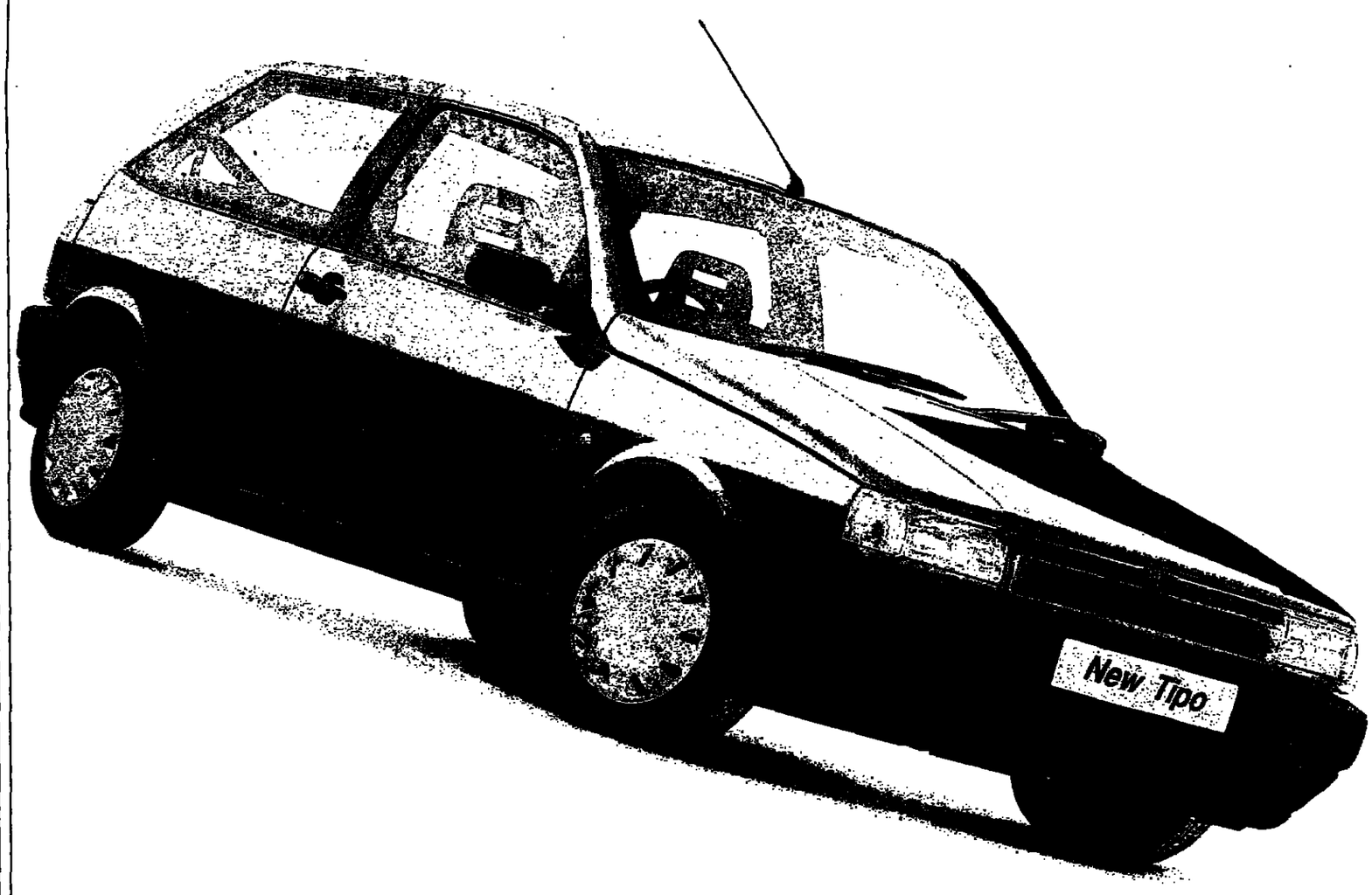

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Drink firms join forces against foreign imitations

By Robin Young

BRITISH drinks companies have grouped together to combat counterfeiters who are filling shelves in South America, eastern Europe and South East Asia with pirated versions of their whiskies, gins and liqueurs.

Grand Metropolitan, Allied-Lyons, Guinness and Seagrams have agreed to share information and contracts. Murray Loake, of Guinness's United Distillers, whose Johnnie Walker scotch is a favourite target for counterfeiters, said yesterday: "We are taking determined action to stop drinks pirates wherever we find them. We are all having to devote a great deal of time and effort to brands protection, but with £1.4 billion invested in our brands we cannot afford to rest."

Within the past year, Johnnie Walker has been impersonated by look-alikes labelled Johnnie Hawker, Joe Worker and Johnny Black. In Poland a group of people are awaiting trial accused of producing their own bottles, capsules and Johnnie Walker red amd black labels. The "whisky" sold in them was 3 per cent scotch and the rest "local spirits of dubious origin", Mr Loake said.

"It is not just loss of sales that hurts,', he added. "These imitations are utterly foul-tasting products."

Grand Metropolitan's subsidiary IDV has taken action againt 50 brand pirates in the past year. Its Smirnoff vodka has found itself pitted against bottles featuring the crown, shields and other designs of the Smirnoff label, and such names as Smirnovskaya, Romanoff and Selikoff. Bailey's Irish Cream, another IDV brand, has spawned imitators called Bailes, Teleys and Raylas, all in similar brown bottles and all adopting pastoral scenes as background to the label.

Counterfeiters have translated Ouzo 2l into Ouzo 12, rivalled J&B Scotch with M&B, produced a Maribou coconut liqueur to sell against Malibu, and invented a Garden's gin.

Hiram Walker, the Allied-Lyons drinks company, has two court cases pending against imitators in the United Kingdom. Abroad, it has seen Ballantine's whisky facing competition from cut-price Ballentye's and Ballantia. The company's Tia Maria coffee liqueur has also been a popular target, with fakes in almost identical packaging appearing as Zia Marina, Tia Lia and Bella Maria.

Relentless litigation has produced some results. In Spain last year a court awarded multi-million dollar damages against the producer of a Bailey's look-alike, and earlier this year a Dutch company was ordered by a court in St Petersburg to destroy 100,000 bottles of Smirnovskaya vodka and to pay costs and damages.

An Italian producer of Gilbert's gin has also been obliged to change the name after a court held that the product could be mistaken too easily for Gilbey's.

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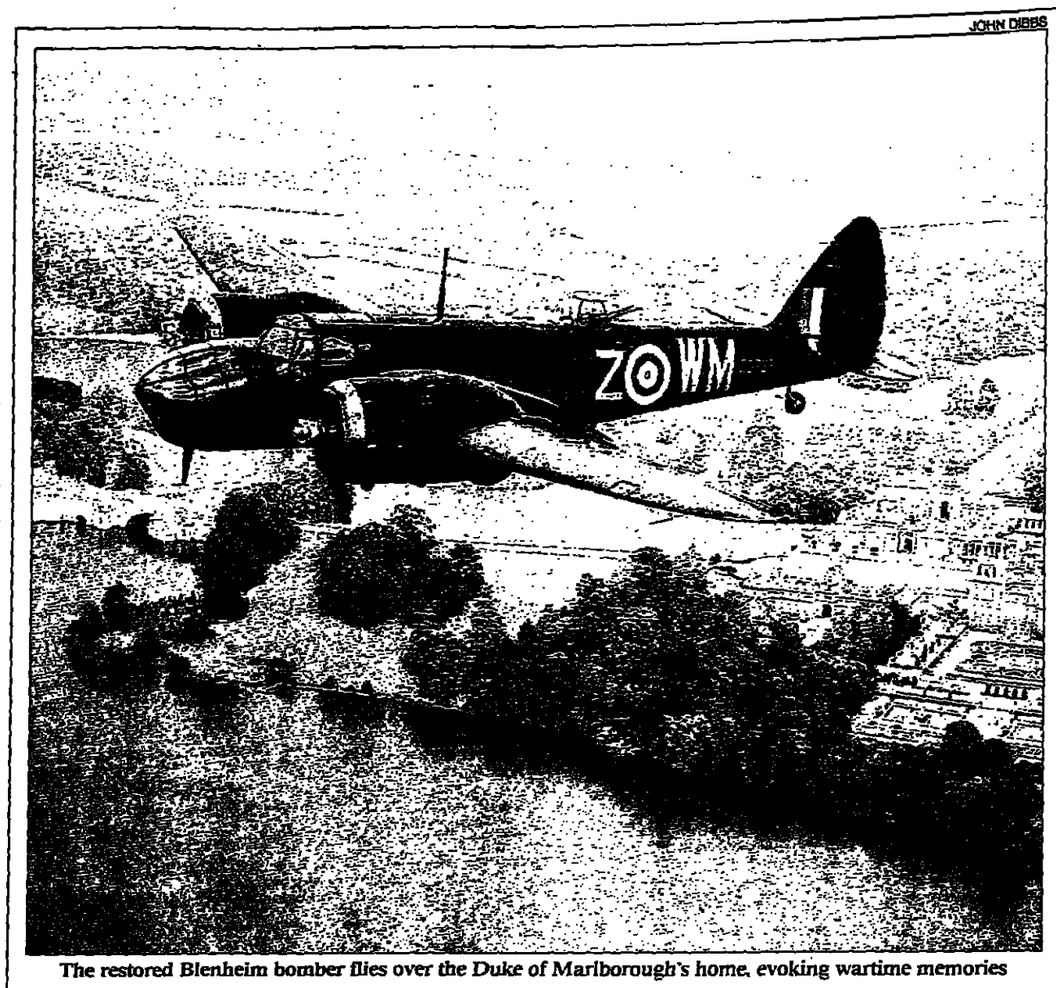

The restored Blenheim bomber flies over the Duke of Marlborough's home, evoking wartime memories

Blenheim revisits old haunts

THE Duke of Marlborough has been reliving wartime memories of life at Blenheim Palace, when as a boy he used to watch the bombers of the same name "beating up" his home near Woodstock in Oxfordshire.

The Blenheims, from the near by RAF base at Bicester, were flown up the palace's long drive at low level and were then pulled out at the last minute to clear the rooftops in practice for their bombing runs.

When the duke heard about the restoration of the bomber that was to become the only remaining airworthy Blenheim, he invited the owners, The Aircraft Restoration Company, once again to fly over his palace, which was used by military intelligence during the war.

The plane was rescued from a field in Canada, where it had lain in disrepair since crashing during the second world war, and is now kept at the Imperial War Museum at Duxford, Cambridgeshire, where the restoration company is based.

It is the second wartime Blenheim to be restored at Duxford: the first crashed on its first test flight after restoration in 1987.

Redhead implores church to entertain

By Alexandra Frean, Media Correspondent

BRIAN Redhead, the broadcaster, last night urged the churches to take a firm stand against the "pseudo-religious twaddle" peddled by bogus cults and sects.

Delivering the inaugural Priestland Memorial Lecture at the Cathedral Church of Christ in Liverpool, Mr Redhead said: "The churches seem to lose out to every new guru who arrives by astral or fixed-wing plane. Heads snug beneath mitres should face up to the fact that they have lost their power to entertain the non-committed ... The pulpit is synonymous with boredom; not with stimulation."

The pulpit was often seen as a place of shoddy special pleading where all the questions were rhetorical and all the answers trod a dreary party line, he added.

In the lecture, established in honour of the late Gerald Priestland, a former BBC religious affairs corrrespondent, and to be broadcast on Radio 4 tomorrow evening, Mr Redhead urged the church to sharpen its presentation. The lecture focused on the church's need to acknowledge its mistakes, rather than "compound them by cover-ups.

"Mistakes, perceived as mistakes — such as the identification of church with state, the accumulation of church wealth and rural parishes' structures inflicted on towns — could be great sources of strength," he said.

Mr Redhead also argued for the ordination of women. "In years to come, people will look at this century and will ask, with wonderment, why so many of the Christian churches chose a one-legged race, rather than use all the energies and talents of women — fresh travellers on the mainline pilgrim paths."

Mr Redhead, who is to leave Radio 4's *Today* programme in March after 19 years, had considered becoming an Anglican priest. He has now decided against that idea.

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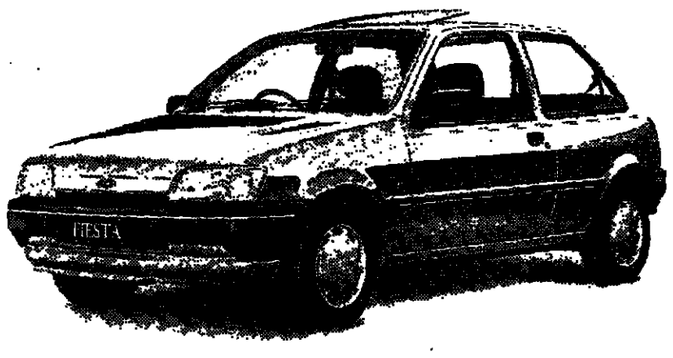

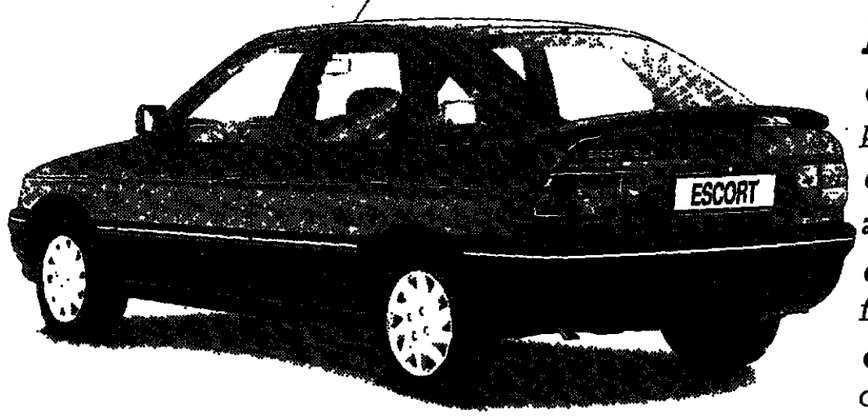

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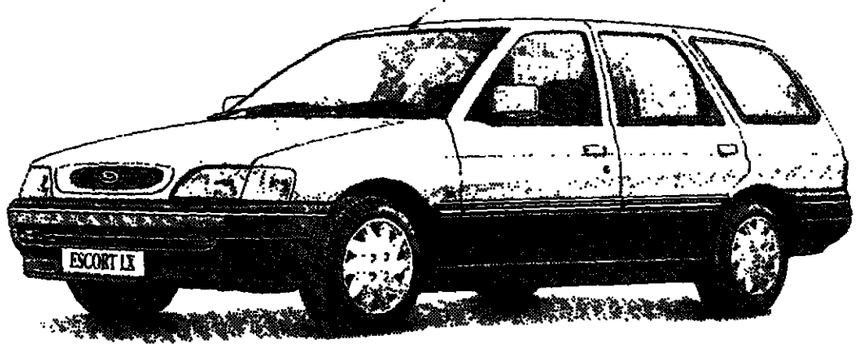

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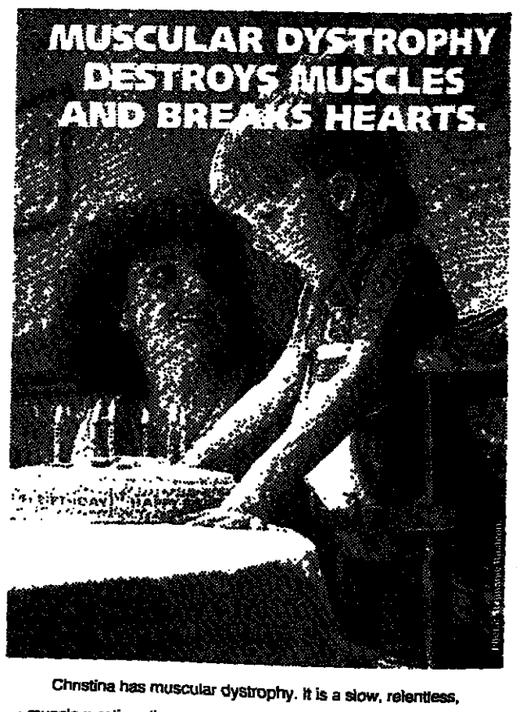

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Good morning, Somalia, it's mayhem time

FROM SAM KILEY IN MOGADISHU

"IT'S midday mayhem in Mogadishu with the madman," blurts out the radio. No, not General Muhammad Farrah Aidid, the fugitive Somali warlord, but Ty Kendrick of the Armed Forces Network. "The United States army issue insecure egomaniac with an inferiority complex. Kiss your midday goodbye with [long sucking sound] anybody you want," said Mr Kendrick, all in one breath.

The lighter side of the American deployment in Somalia, which has left 26 soldiers dead since June and could dangerously undermine President Clinton's credibility as a foreign statesman — the AFN radio station on 99.9 FM — has been rockin' the famine belt from Baidoa to Belet Huen since January. Troops stationed at strongpoints, attacked regularly by militiamen, and jeered at by crowds, turn to AFN Somalia for solace amid the misery of their stay in Mogadishu.

"I've had guys ring me on the field telephone for requests just before an operation or after a firefight," said Mr Kendrick, 31, who hails, needless to say, from Nashville, Tennessee. Married with two children, he rejoined the army after brief service as a military policeman.

A traffic report came in. A Somali driver had forgotten to use his brakes (few vehicles have effective brakes) and collided with another vehicle outside the port, close to the spot where an American lorry was destroyed by a mine and six soldiers were injured. This incident left nothing behind but the "radiators smoking".

The AFN radio and television station is often the only contact for young soldiers stationed far from home. On top of that, General Aidid'ss supporters have until recently been trying to kill the troops, and may do so again. "I'm here to provide information and entertain," said Mr Kendrick. "I have it real easy; four hours a day of doing what I love and then going out and digging around for stuff to make the Joes laugh," he said, slapping another compact disc from a library of hundreds crammed into the air-conditioned container-cum-studio.

Recently his biggest buzz was to play the favourite songs of Warrant Officer Mike Durant, the American hostage who was released on Thursday morning. "He has a varied taste. Willie Nelson, AC/DC, you name it. I got a kick when I heard he had a radio and could hear me."

He turned to the microphone. "I'm crackin' walnuts. It's been two and a half months since I saw my sweetheart." It has been seven months for other soldiers.

As General Aidid's battles with the United Nations have ceased because of his unilateral ceasefire, what do the Somalis feel about AFN Somalia? "We hate armed forces' radio," said Abdi Jama Hussein, who fought against Americans, Pakistanis and Malaysians in the last battle 13 days ago. Eighteen Americans and a Malaysian were killed, along with at least 70 Somali militiamen and numerous civilians in the fighting then.

Standing by one of four Malaysian armoured personnel carriers destroyed during the fighting, Mr Hussein showed little interest in the pop music pumped out by 99.9FM Somalia. "We want the US and the UN to go home. Leave Somalia," he insisted.

Younger fighters sniggered. One winked. When their AK47s had been unloaded and grenades stacked away, they obviously liked to listen to some rap and soul, when mum and dad had gone to bed.

Landstuhl: Warrant Officer Michael Durant, the American helicopter pilot who was freed from 11 days of captivity in Somalia on Thursday, landed at the Ramstein air force base in southwestern Germany yesterday. He was carried from the plane on a stretcher and gave a thumbs-up sign before he was placed in an ambulance. The pilot, who suffered a broken leg and lacerations when his helicopter crashed in Mogadishu, was greeted by Frank Wardlow, the American consul-general in Bonn, and more than 200 soldiers and well-wishers. *(Reuter)*

Government thugs gain upper hand as hopes for democracy vanish

UN prepares to withdraw Haiti human rights team

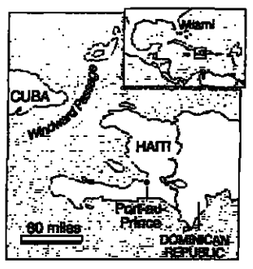
FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN PORT-AU-PRINCE AND JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK

WITH conditions in Haiti fast deteriorating, the United Nations yesterday ordered its 160 human rights monitors at 13 bases around the country to gather in the capital of Port-au-Prince and await a decision from New York on whether they should pull out altogether.

The military regime is becoming increasingly violent in its determination to prevent the restoration of democracy in this Caribbean nation, and earlier this week a UN office in the outlying town of Hinche was attacked. The departure of the civil mission would confirm the collapse of the UN-brokered accord to reinstate the exiled Jean-Bertrand Aristide, Haiti's first democratically elected president, on October 30.

Also yesterday 50 dependants of Americans working for banks and other non-government organisations were evacuated. Armed thugs, whom diplomats described as "forces of real evil", terrorised the streets of Port-au-Prince as all hope of an imminent return to democracy evaporated.

Schools stayed closed, many shops remained shuttered and the normally bustling city centre was relatively empty following Thursday's assassination of Guy Malary, the justice minister, and the violent disruption of parliament by gunmen determined to prevent Mr Aristide's return to power. Bursts of gunfire were heard in the city during the night.



Mr Aristide yesterday urged President Clinton to turn the US embassy in Port-au-Prince into a safe haven for his cabinet by bringing in more Marines to protect the building. In New York, America asked UN Security Council members yesterday to authorise an Iraq-style naval blockade on Haiti to enforce the renewed United Nations oil and arms embargo. American diplomats said that the aim was to adopt a resolution approving "naval interdiction" before the UN sanctions come back into force against Haiti on Tuesday morning, so that US warships could start enforcing the embargo immediately.

But Washington was pushing for an early vote to deliver a tough message to the Haitian military that they should abide by the Governors Island peace accord calling for the return of Mr Aristide.

American officials met yesterday with the other members of the informal group known as the "Friends of Haiti" — Canada, France and Venezuela — and with the other permanent members of the security council to lobby for the blockade.

Diplomats said that the security council was so enraged by the Haitian military's interference with the UN operation to restore democracy that a vote was likely by the end of the day. The blockade would give the UN sanctions more teeth than they had before they were suspended in August in recognition of the Haitian military's co-operation with the Governors Island accord.

With the US Coast Guard already patrolling the area to prevent the exodus of Haitian "boat people" reaching Florida, it would be a relatively simple matter for the United States to begin a stop-and-search operation of shipping bound for Haiti.

The American initiative was modelled on the security council's authorisation of a naval blockade to enforce UN sanctions against Iraq after its invasion of Kuwait. As in the case of Iraq, however, officials from President Clinton down have avoided using the word "blockade" because in international law it amounts to an act of war.

Reign of terror, page 1

Raoul Cedras, Haiti's military commander, at a news conference yesterday. He did not say if he would to step down last night as stipulated in the UN accord

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Patten signals flexibility on polls

FROM JONATHAN MIRSKY IN HONG KONG

THE game of bluff and double bluff, threat and counter-threat, which has distinguished the Sino-British talks on the future of Hong Kong has taken a perilous jump ahead.

Chris Patten, the Hong Kong governor, appears to be saying to Peking that, if its latest offers are genuine, then the British will work to find common ground. But he has also indicated that he is not prepared to swallow the Chinese offer whole. At the same time the Chinese side, having made its offer, has given a warning of political and economic disaster here if Britain fails to come to heel.

The latest moves began on Wednesday when the chief members of the rather conservative Hong Kong Liberal Party came back from Peking, where they had met Qian Qichen, the foreign minister, and Lu Ping, the head of China's Hong Kong and Macau office. The essence of the Chinese leaders' relayed message was that Peking could become much more flexible if the discussions about the 1994 elections, which are local, and the ones in 1995 for the Legislative Council, could be separated.

Until only a few days ago Mr Patten had insisted the two were inexorably linked, but after his meeting with the Liberals he said that he was prepared to consider them separately as long as the Chinese were not using the issue as a ruse to string out the talks. The governor went on to say that the real hurdle was the "incredibly complicated business" of the elections for the Legislative Council, whose members for the 1995 elections Peking says it must approve if they are to continue to serve after the 1997 takeover.

NEWS IN BRIEF

EC gives boost to Gatt talks

Geneva: The European Community said yesterday that it would offer deeper cuts in industrial tariffs in world trade talks next week and hoped its move would give new momentum to the troubled Uruguay Round of Gatt.

The announcement of the offer, to be tabled next Monday or Tuesday, came at a meeting of senior trade officials from the 116 states taking part in the Uruguay round.

"We have decided to go ahead by ourselves to give momentum to the negotiations," an EC official said. The cuts would average about 33 per cent, compared with the EC's previous offer of around 23 per cent. *(Reuter)*

Order reversed

Paris: France's highest court has cleared the way for the extradition of Rais Bin Saniman, a Malaysian businessman who is wanted in Hong Kong on charges of fraud and corruption. The Council of State reversed a 1992 order blocking the extradition.

Graf damages

Mannheim: A German court ordered a rock group called Run-over Schoolchildren to pay tennis star Steffi Graf £25,000 in damages for lyrics suggesting she had an incestuous relationship with her father. The album containing the song was banned. *(AP)*

Talks ended

Athens: Greece is pulling out of UN-brokered negotiations with the former Yugoslav republic of Macedonia on the issue of its name as an independent country, Andreas Papandreou, the new Greek prime minister, announced. *(AFP)*

Girl, 2, drunk

Brisbane: An Australian court has ordered that a girl aged two found lying drunk in her home be put into care. She was three times over the state's legal limit for driving a vehicle. Her parents are now on probation. *(Reuter)*

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Documents strengthen charge that Hiss spied

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN NEW YORK

TWO researchers claim that new evidence from Hungarian communist archives suggests that Alger Hiss, whose conviction for spying in 1950 remains one of the most hotly disputed episodes of the Cold War, was a Soviet agent after all.

Recently released secret files of the interior ministry in Budapest contain testimony by an American who spied for the Soviet Union that one of his confidants and a fellow communist spy was Mr Hiss, according to an article in *The New York Times*.

Mr Hiss, now 88, who spent 44 months in prison, has consistently denied passing secrets to the Soviet Union. Last year the head of the Soviet archives, General Dmitri Volkogonov, declared Mr Hiss innocent. Fresh doubts about Mr Hiss's role are said to have emerged in the form of documentary testimony by Noel Field, an American diplomat who claimed to have been a Soviet spy in the 1940s and sought asylum behind the Iron Curtain in 1949. During the Stalinist purges, Mr Field was jailed by Hungarian secret police on suspicion that he worked for US intelligence. He told them he had worked with Mr Hiss as a Soviet agent. The former diplomat was released from prison in 1954 and spent the rest of his life as a revered member of the communist party. He adopted Hungarian citizenship and died in 1970.

The Hungarian documents, found by Maria Schmidt, a Hungarian scholar, and reported yesterday by Sam Tanenhaus, an American historian, represent the first communist documentary evidence implicating Mr Hiss.

In 1957 Mr Field sent him a letter offering to repudiate the testimony of Hede Massing, another Soviet agent, who had implicated both of them in the Washington spy ring. Ms Schmidt has found copies of this letter in the Hungarian archives, which are said to have been doctored by Mr Field's communist controllers.

"What has long been presented as an innocent offer of help was in fact a tool used in the disinformation campaign created by the Communist Party as a means of aiding Mr Hiss's defence," writes Mr Tanenhaus, biographer of Whittaker Chambers, Mr Hiss's prime accuser in 1948.

Mr Hiss could not be reached for comment yesterday, but his son, Tony, a New York journalist, denied that the new evidence represented a "smoking gun", as claimed by Mr Tanenhaus.

"There's more dust than smoke here," he said. He referred to a forthcoming article in *The Nation* by Ethan Klingsberg, a Yale historian, who he said had explored the Hungarian archives and had arrived at the opposite conclusion to Ms Schmidt about his father.

Hiss: exonerated by a Soviet archivist

Michael Newell, who has won a national President Clinton lookalike contest, poses with "Hillary" (Jessica Sylman) and "Chelsea" (Kate Vess) in Denver, Colorado, for a portrait double of America's first family

California opens the last urban motorway

The city of Los Angeles, where the traffic never sleeps, has just completed its last motorway — 17 miles of concrete and steel, the most expensive road in history, marking the end of California's contribution to the most ambitious highway programme undertaken (Ben Macintyre writes).

The Century Freeway, between Los Angeles airport and the suburbs of Norwalk, cost $2.2 billion (£1.5 billion), or $129 million a mile. The expense, say planners, largely explains why no more similar highways are planned.

Only about half the total cost of the eight-lane road was spent on construction. The rest was used to compensate 25,000 displaced people, arrange job training for minorities and women, scholarship programmes and even to build an Aids hospice in West Hollywood.

Most of the 42,000-mile interstate system originally planned by the Federal Highway Administration has now been built, except for about 114 miles in other parts of the country. But such vast highways passing through urban areas will seldom be built again, say planners.

Strange case of Juror 373 bothers riot trial

BY BEN MACINTYRE

■ Leaks from the supposedly secret jury deliberations in the trial of two men accused of beating a lorry driver in the Los Angeles riots are turning the case into a farce

JURY deliberations in the trial of two black men accused of trying to murder white lorry driver Reginald Denny during last year's Los Angeles riots have reached a level of public acrimony seldom seen in an American court.

The judge has already dismissed two jurors, but refused to remove a third who missed her boyfriend so much that she ran down a hallway screaming "I can't take it any more", according to transcripts of a closed hearing released on Thursday.

The two black men in the dock — Damian Williams, 20, and Henry Watson, 29 — are accused of beating Mr Denny and seven other people at the height of the riots. They face life imprisonment if convicted, but their lawyers and one of the dismissed jurors claim that they have not received a fair trial. Despite the supposed secrecy surrounding their deliberations, dissension among the jurors apparently emerged almost immediately with one woman in particular, Juror 373, unable or unwilling to work with her colleagues.

"I don't think she knows what she is doing," the jury foreman told Judge John Ouderkirk. "No matter what we say to her, she is doing her own thing," the foreman complained, describing the woman as "way off in the twilight zone". But Juror 373, who is black, told the judge: "I just can't in all conscience see it go like this. I mean, I really cannot. They are not getting a fair trial."

She was dismissed and replaced by an alternate juror, after eight days of deliberations, despite the fact that verdicts had been completed on two of the 12 counts. Soon afterwards another juror was dismissed after he complained of personal problems.

The fierce and public disagreements between the jurors have provided defence lawyers with vital ammunition in their case for a mistrial, now very strong. Perhaps most damaging to the prosecution is another remark by Juror 373, who holds a law degree, when she claimed other members of the racially mixed panel were biased.

In South-Central Los Angeles black activists are using the chaos in court to stir up emotions once more. The judge, according to one activist, is "upsetting the black community and he may be the cause of more civil unrest". Those remarks sound dangerously close to threats.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Rabin pays visit to Indonesia

Jakarta: The unscheduled visit to Indonesia by Yitzhak Rabin, the Israeli prime minister, raised prospects of a diplomatic windfall for Israel among previously hostile Muslim and Arab nations (Richard Beeston writes).

The unannounced stopover, the first by an Israeli leader to the capital of Asia's largest Muslim state, could be followed by other surprise visits as the Israeli leader makes his way back from China.

Artist jailed

Tehran: Manoocheh Karimzadeh, an Iranian cartoonist who allegedly drew the late Ayatollah Khomeini, was jailed for ten years. The cartoon depicted a bearded man with an amputated hand and leg playing football. *(AFP)*

Relief mission

Lisbon: Angolan rebels let UN officials into the besieged city of Cuito, where thousands of residents are reported desperately fighting starvation and Unita attacks. Aid workers hoped to begin relief flights to Cuito today. *(AP)*

Men kidnapped

Ankara: Kurdish rebels said they kidnapped an American, Patrick Connor, and a New Zealander, Ernis Dougar, in eastern Turkey, and were holding them until their governments contacted the Kurdistan Workers Party. *(Reuter)*

Aids fears

Adelaide: The aboriginal community risks being devastated by Aids because of the ceremonial sharing of blood and a lack of safe sex practices, a state enquiry says. The report said some aborigines had died from Aids. *(AP)*

Hostage freed

Lima: Police rescued a Japanese-Peruvian businessman, who was kidnapped in July by left-wing guerrillas, after a fierce gun battle. Several of Raúl Hiraoka's captors were wounded and arrested. *(AFP)*

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Extremists of left and right pour scorn on peace awards for Mandela and de Klerk

Nobel prizes bring joy and disgust to South Africans

FROM MICHAEL HAMLYN IN JOHANNESBURG

SOME sour voices have been heard in South Africa following the award of the Nobel peace prize jointly to Nelson Mandela, president of the African National Congress, and President de Klerk, but in general it has been welcomed as a signal of the togetherness on the long march to democracy.

On a radio phone-in programme one caller declared: "I think it is rather disgusting that FW should win, especially in view of the Umtata massacre. He knew all about that." On the other hand, a radio talk show host, John Robbie, bubbled enthusiastically: "I think it is fabulous news."

The ANC said it was elated. Carl Niehaus, a spokesman, said: "We extend our gratefulness to the world community for this affirmation of the need for peace in our community."

Mr de Klerk said in a statement: "I trust that the awarding of this prize to two South Africans will motivate all South Africans to rededicate themselves to the peaceful resolution of our problems."

The Pan Africanist Congress said it was the first time an oppressor had been called a man of peace. Benny Alexander, the PAC general secretary, said: "The PAC condemns the awarding of the Nobel peace prize to Mr de Klerk at a time when he is primarily responsible for bloodletting in our country."

The president's National Party expressed its delight: "President de Klerk has worked tirelessly over the past few years to bring an end to conflict and violence and to ensure a political settlement that will guarantee peace and stability."

Archbishop Desmond Tutu welcomed the award to the two leaders, saying: "The symbolism of a white man and a black person together being recognised is important for the peace process."

Right-wingers were just as dismissive as spokesmen for the left. Ferdi Hartzenberg, the leader of the Conservative Party, called it "strange", saying: "The past three years, since the unbanning of the African National Congress, were the most violent in the entire history of South Africa."

Eugene Terre'Blanche, leader of the neo-Nazi Afrikaner Resistance Movement, called it crazy. "God makes people crazy before he destroys them. There are a hell of a lot of crazy people in the world," he said.

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Francis Sajarstedt, chairman of the Nobel Peace Prize Committee, holding up a photograph of this year's laureates: Nelson Mandela, the leader of the African National Congress, and President de Klerk of South Africa

Hani's killers sentenced to death

Johannesburg: Rival songs, the South African national anthem from the row of whites in front, a freedom song with accompanying clenched fists from the rest of the public gallery, yesterday greeted the death sentences passed on the two killers of Chris Hani, the general secretary of the South African Communist Party (Michael Hamlyn writes).

As the sentences were passed, Clive Derby-Lewis, bespectacled and moustached like a Battle of Britain pilot, stood impassively. Janusz Walus, the man who pulled the trigger of the gun given him by Derby-Lewis, did not vary the tense expression in his ice-cold hooded eyes. Each also received a jail sentence of five years for illegally possession of the gun.

In the gallery, Hani's widow, Limpho, grinned broadly at the sentence and a burly white man shouted: "Clive, we'll come and get you out."

Two men born to lead divided people into a common future

■ Nelson Mandela, the chief's son, and F. W. de Klerk, the cabinet minister's grandson, grew up as enemies but united in the building of democracy

BY MICHAEL HAMLYN

AT ONE time the world's best known political prisoner, Nelson Rolihlala Mandela at 75 is a now a figure of commanding presence, grace and old world charm. It was his decision in 1986, made in isolation from those fellow prisoners who made up the senior leadership of the African National Congress, to begin the process of negotiation with the leaders of the racist state. Those negotiations have led, painfully and slowly, to the situation where within the next few weeks black politicians for the first time will have access to real power, and within a few months to the country's first non-racial democratic elections.

Mr Mandela was born for power. His father was chief councillor to the paramount chief of the Thembas, a Xhosa tribe in the Transkei region of the Cape province. When his father died, the young Nelson was prepared by the chief, his cousin and guardian, to become a chief himself. Expelled from the University of Fort Hare with Oliver Tambo for organising a student strike, Mr Mandela was a tough, tall, young man who trained as a boxer and worked briefly as a mine policeman. Under Walter Sisulu's tutelage he took articles with a legal firm and earned a law degree. In 1952 Mr Mandela and Mr Tambo opened the first black legal firm in the country and with Mr Sisulu founded the ANC Youth League, becoming the radical firebrands of the ANC. Mr Mandela was national president of the league, and before long deputy president of the national movement.

Mandela: the Black Pimpernel in 1961

In 1956 he was one of the 156 activists who faced a four-and-a-half-year trial for treason, and his speech from the dock remains one of the classics in freedom literature. In 1961 he went underground, travelling secretly around the country and becoming known as "the Black Pimpernel", because of his skill in evading arrest.

The experience of the brutal and effective repression of black strikers led him to take up the armed struggle. He was one of the founders and the first commander-in-chief of the ANC's armed wing, Umkhonto we Sizwe, the Spear of the Nation. He trained in Algeria.

Arrested in August 1962, Mr Mandela began the 27 years of imprisonment which led to his near-beatification in world opinion.

After the ANC was unbanned and gave up the armed struggle, the movement under his presidency has preferred negotiation to confrontation, and much has been achieved, not least because of his flexibility.

President de Klerk also came from a family where political leadership was the family tradition. His great-grandfather was a senator, his grandfather twice a parliamentary candidate, his aunt married J. G. Strydom, the prime minister, his father was a cabinet minister under Hendrik Verwoerd from 1955 until 1968 when he became president of the senate. Like Mr Mandela, Frederik Willem de Klerk, 57, started his working life as a lawyer. He also played a leading role in student politics. He practised as an attorney in Vereeniging, while remaining active in National Party politics. In 1972 he went to parliament as the MP for Vereeniging.

Mr de Klerk's political career gave no sign that he would be the man to effectively abolish apartheid. He was always thought to be in the hardline section of the party, and the skill and determination with which he first undermined and then supplanted P. W. Botha as state president earned a good deal of grudging respect.

Nothing, however, prepared the country or the world outside for the astonishing speech he made on February 2, 1990, when he set the country on its present road to democracy.

He has been bitterly criticised for failing to control the recalcitrant security forces, but has steered a consistent course to the new South Africa.

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Thais hold builder linked to Libyan arms project

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN CAIRO

ON THE eve of next week's expected tightening of United Nations sanctions against Libya, police in Thailand have arrested a construction chief suspected of illegally sending workers to Tripoli to build bunkers for chemical weapons manufacture.

The *Bangkok Post* reported yesterday that Major General Luan Parnrosthip, commander of the police crime suppression division, ordered the arrest after American intelligence officials informed the Thai foreign ministry that they believe the proposed underground bunkers were for the production of a chemical arsenal.

The arrest came less than a month after President Clinton gave a warning that the United States intended to get tough with Colonel Muammar Gaddafi, the Libyan leader, over his refusal to send the two Lockerbie bombing suspects for trial in either Scotland or America.

Western diplomatic sources said yesterday that the arrest of Viroj Sakulmutita at the office of his W & M Construction Company was a reminder that Libya was still attempting to establish a supply of chemical weapons despite the fact that it risks the possibility of renewed Western military action by doing so.

Gaddafi: still aiming for chemical arsenal

Colonel Gaddafi, regarded by a number of European diplomats in Tripoli as showing increasing signs of ill health and mental instability, has refused to sign the international convention banning chemical weapons. Colonel Gaddafi said earlier this year that his action was taken in solidarity with Egypt which had refused to sign the convention or permit chemical weapons inspection until Israel opened its doors to international inspection of its nuclear facilities.

Mr Viroj, who admitted having a contract with the Libyan firm to build underground shelters but denied charges that he had sent workers there without official permission, was arrested on the orders of Chuan Leekpai, the Thai prime minister, and Chavalit Yongchaiyudh, the interior minister. Western intelligence agencies have been aware for some time that Libya has been heavily reliant on imported Far Eastern labour for key construction projects, including the "great man-made river project" for bringing water from beneath the Sahara desert to the main population centres along the coast.

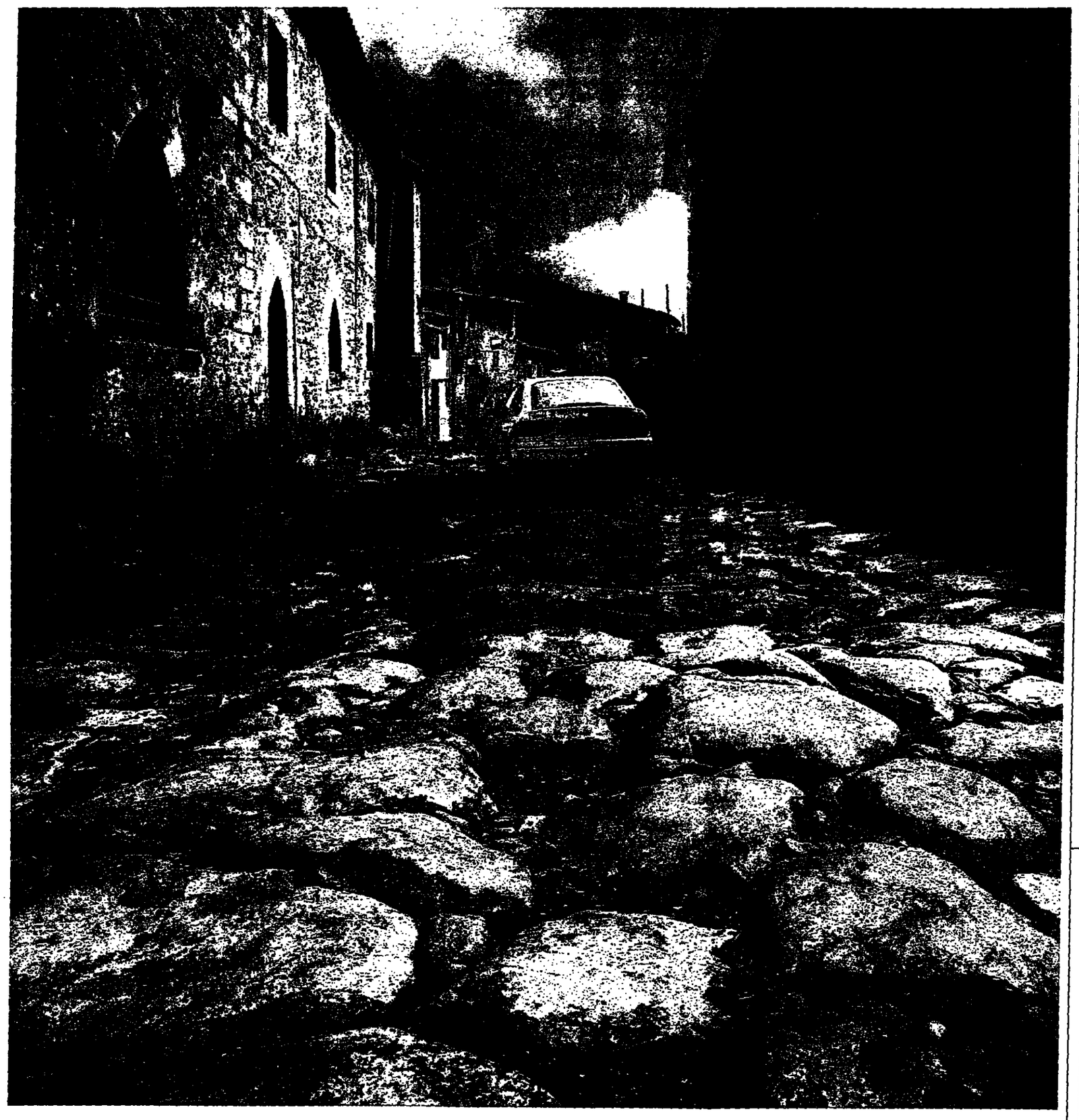
Mr Viroj was quoted by Thai police as admitting that he had about 60 Thais helping construct underground "bomb shelters" in Libya, but said he had never sent or taken any Thais to work there.

The construction chief claimed he had been contracted through a Libyan firm to build the shelters for the Libyan government and that work had begun about two years ago. Each shelter was 49 feet wide and 110 feet long and 164 feet below ground, usually under mountains.

Thai police said that Mr Viroj claimed he had been visited by an American official he suspected of being from the Central Intelligence Agency and asked about his business with Libya.

They added that Mr Viroj considered the project an honest job for his firm, which builds blocks of flats in Thailand. He said it did not violate Thai law and it was not his concern how the shelters were used. The police also quoted him as saying that the Thai government should feel proud that a Thai company was able to do such difficult work overseas.

Carlos Menem, the president of Argentina, arriving at hospital with his doctor, Alejandro Ifeli, right. After emergency heart surgery yesterday, Señor Menem joked with his ministers and dismissed any prospect that his illness would be a setback to the country's economic recovery. Doctors said Señor Menem, 63, the architect of the economic recovery, could be back in his office by Monday. On Thursday, Argentine government bonds suffered losses in New York when news of his illness became known. *(Reuter)*



Trade withers as Iraq gambles on end to sanctions

FROM ANDREW FINKEL IN BAGHDAD

To mounting cheers, Crescent Moon, a fragile-looking Arabian, romped home in the 4.30 at Baghdad's racecourse. A vast computerised tote board behind the finishing line, possibly the largest expanse of wall in the city not to sport a portrait of President Saddam Hussein, proved the folly of betting against the favourite.

Playing with the odds remains a popular pastime off the track as a growing number of foreign businessmen find their way to Baghdad. They are signs of growing speculation that United Nations sanctions may be lifted and Iraq again be allowed to wield the purchasing power befitting a nation that sits on more than a fifth of the world's oil reserves.

"We are not a poor country — we can stand out forever against the embargo," said Saadi Mahdi Salih, who despite being the head of the country's parliament defiantly wears a military uniform. He describes his functional broadcloth as a practical measure until the time when the current period of deprivation is over.

According to members of the UN teams who have spent months supervising the dismantling of Iraq's offensive capabilities, the effect of sanctions has spread like slow poison from the city's poor to the country's middle class.

In Baghdad's once fashionable Sadun streets, the shutters on the foreign airline companies remain down and other stores empty of customers. Jewellers still advertise Longines and Raymond Weil watches, but all the windows display are the straps. This lack of ostentation is the main relic of the war. Of the bombing there is no trace.

The publications of the ministry of information have it both ways. Statistics of rising infant mortality are juxtaposed next to success stories of new bridges being built across the Tigris river. The implication is clear. If sanctions are working, then the international community is causing needless suffering. If they are not, then trading partners like Turkey — who, according to the country's chargé d'affaires in Baghdad is losing $750,000 (£496,688) in pipeline revenue a day — is cutting off its nose to spite its face.

In an effort to get the embargo lifted, the Iraqi government recently revealed to the UN what it says is a list of its weapon procurements. Although the suspicion is that this catalogue is only partly complete, it is a further step in choking off Saddam from the source of his suppliers.

For all that, few expect the allies who fought the Gulf war will be in any hurry to let Saddam off the hook. Nor does the Iraqi leader appear to be confident of his strength. A former Turkish minister of the interior, invited to Baghdad by the Iraqis, was kept waiting to see Saddam two days past his date of departure. The whispered explanation is that security is so tight, the days, let alone the hours, of presidential appointments are akin to state secrets.

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Yeltsin fears terrorist underground in Moscow

■ The Russian government is hunting for militants in the tunnels beneath Moscow. Its anxieties could lead to even more repressive acts against the opposition

FROM ANATOL LIEVEN IN MOSCOW

WITH the main forces of the Russian hardline opposition broken, fears are growing that the remnants may resort to terrorism against President Yeltsin's regime. Such actions, or the threat of them, could be used to justify authoritarian moves by the government.

Aleksandr Rutskoi, the former Russian vice-president, and Ruslan Khasbulatov, the former parliamentary Speaker, have been charged with "organising mass disorder". Colonel General Viktor Barannikov, the former security minister, was also charged in connection with the abortive revolt by parliamentary hardliners against Mr Yeltsin.

A senior interior ministry official confirmed yesterday that many armed hardline oppositionists had been able to flee from the burning parliament building through secret tunnels. Major General Arkadi Baskayev said an underground communications expert had told him that "you could spend a whole life" in the tunnels under Moscow, built as hideouts and nuclear shelters under Soviet rule.

General Baskayev said that the complex is so large that his forces were searching only those tunnels leading directly to the parliament. He said the tunnels were heavily mined. Almost 150 mines and booby-traps have been removed.

The general said 921 weapons were seized during and after the storming of parliament by government troops, including 160 sub-machine-guns. He said police have arrested several people in Moscow carrying guns apparently from the parliament.

Andrei Klevshchov, of the extremist National Unity party, said in the *Moscow Times* yesterday, referring to the assault on parliament: "Anyone who thinks that Russia can be destroyed by four tanks is a complete idiot. The war is just beginning."

An *Izvestia* reporter visited a tunnel and was told by government security officers that hundreds of militants had escaped, emerging from secret exits in nearby underground stations. *Izvestia* feared that the tunnel system might allow "terrorists" to strike at will.

Equally alarming is the thought that a terrorist menace could be used by the government as a reason to make further authoritarian moves. Concern has already been raised by measures restricting the hardline opposition press and giving the police powers to deport non-Russians illegally resident in Moscow, powers which have allegedly been abused to get rid of people of Caucasian nationality, held responsible for organised crime.

"With the help of the organs of law and order, we intend to clean up the city," Yuri Luzhkov, Moscow's mayor, said. Earlier he had called on Muscovites to report on neighbours they suspect of crimes. In a second move with populist overtones, the government announced tough measures against illegal exports of capital and key commodities.

☐ **Constitution ballot:** Mr Yeltsin signed a decree yesterday putting a new constitution to a vote on December 12, the same day that elections will be held for a federal parliament. Mr Yeltsin had wavered between having the new parliament approve the constitution that will replace the Soviet-era document and putting the new charter to a national vote. *(AP)*

Masked metalworkers marching through Paris yesterday with thousands of other strikers protesting at record 11.7 per cent levels of unemployment. Demonstrators marching under the banners of the left-wing CFDT trade union converged towards the foot of the Eiffel Tower for a rally ending a week of action against the government of Edouard Balladur, which is facing its first big challenge after seven months in office. The public service strikes earlier in the week were called by the independent Force Ouvrière and communist-led CGT. M Balladur has sought to placate the unions by consulting them on employment policy and condemning public sector layoffs, while imposing a series of austerity measures. Unemployment insurance contributions, hospital charges and taxes have gone up. State health insurance reimbursements have been reduced and pensions have effectively been cut to reduce the large deficit of the welfare system. *(Reuter)*

Tehran intelligence chief was treated as honoured guest in Munich

Bonn denies it broke EC ranks over Iran

FROM ROGER BOYES IN BONN

London: Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary, yesterday raised British objections to Germany's talks with Iran's intelligence chief for the third time in a week, firing off a "frank" message to Klaus Kinkel, his German counterpart (Our Diplomatic Staff writes). An official said Mr Hurd's note was "frank", diplomatic code for strongly worded, but added that relations between the two remained good.

THE German government yesterday angrily rejected British criticism of a recent secret meeting between a top Bonn official and the head of Iranian intelligence.

Dieter Vogel, the government spokesman, said the talks focused on "humanitarian" issues and were supposed to benefit citizens from other Western European countries as well as Germany. "The governments of the affected countries are well aware of this," he said.

Details of the talks between Bernd Schmidbauer, a senior minister in the chancellery, and Ali Fallahyan, the Iranian secret service chief, are still shrouded in mystery. First leaks suggested that the Germans, who apparently initiated the meeting, wanted Iran to influence Hezbollah, the extremist Islamic group, which has sent threats to German citizens in Lebanon and Cyprus. One German citizen is also being held on charges of spying for Iraq, and a German businessman was arrested in Iran shortly after the Bonn meeting.

Britain in particular has insisted that such talks break a European Community agreement to isolate Iran as long as the writer Salman Rushdie's life is threatened. Dr Vogel emphasised yesterday that Germany had not broken ranks. "There were no political negotiations with the Iranian authorities, only talks about individual humanitarian cases," he said.

Even so, Britain and the United States are uneasy about the quasi-official nature of the visit. Mr Fallahyan was shown around the Federal Criminal Bureau and Germany's main espionage headquarters in Pullach, outside Munich. He was treated as an honoured guest, although his visit was hushed up by German officials.

The Western allies' irritation with Bonn goes beyond the co-operation with the Iranian intelligence service. Germany has for many years set its own course on relations with Tehran, arguing that direct dialogue has a greater influence than diplomatic boycotts.

Rafsanjani: Germany intervened for Siemens

Dr Schmidbauer, who is supposed to co-ordinate the work of all German intelligence agencies on behalf of Helmut Kohl, the chancellor, irritated the Americans in 1992 when he intervened with President Rafsanjani on behalf of a Siemens subsidiary building a nuclear power station in Bushir. The Germans plainly saw Iran as a stabilising force in the region, while Washington believed that the Germans were helping Iran towards becoming a fully-fledged nuclear power.

Some German politicians, including Freimut Duve, a Social Democrat, and Claudia Roth, a Green, have joined in the British and American criticism of Germany's contact with Iran. They point to the killing in Berlin in September 1992 of four leaders of the Kurdish Democratic Party in which Mr Fallahyan, or at least his agents, seem to have been implicated.

Detectives discovered that the commander of the operation was a 33-year-old Iranian who was the chief contact man for the Hezbollah in Germany. Two Iranian diplomats were also implicated. But in order not to upset the German-Iranian relationship, the case has been hushed up.

Mafia link deepens Moro case mystery

FROM JOHN PHILLIPS IN ROME

EVIDENCE that Antonio "Two Noses" Nirta, a Mafia boss, took part in the 1978 Red Brigades kidnapping of Aldo Moro has nourished the suspicion that the Christian Democratic leader was killed with Italian secret service blessing to prevent Communists entering the government.

After four trials and evidence from hundreds of terrorists, the truth about the 55-day kidnapping and murder of the former prime minister is still a mystery. On Thursday a Milan magistrate disclosed evidence from Saverio Morabito, a supergrass, that Antonio Nirta, a kingpin of the Calabrian Mafia specialising in kidnapping, was present at the ambush and abduction of Moro and the murder of his police bodyguards in the Via Fani in Rome on March 16, 1978.

Signor Morabito told Procurator Alberto Nobili that Francesco Delfino, a carabinieri general, recruited Nirta to infiltrate the Red Brigades.

The evidence has encouraged widespread suspicions that Moro was killed, or at least deliberately not rescued, to prevent him realising his plan to bring the Communist Party, the biggest in the West, into government.

Moro was shot and his body dumped in a parked car after the authorities refused to negotiate with the Red Brigades.

Signor Morabito admitted he had learnt at second-hand of Nirta's presence at Via Fani from Papalia Domenico and Sergi Paolo, two other Calabrian Mafia dons. But magistrates took his information seriously because, under the Mafia code of behaviour, "men of honour" are forbidden from lying to each other. Signor Morabito's revelations enabled police to round up 130 suspected mafiosi. He and his family are now under police protection.

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Will couch potatoes be too sluggish even to sit up and interact with their televisions, or will they become couch commandos?

Alexander Chancellor in New York

People have been talking and writing about it for ages. Now it looks as if it is really going to happen. The famous "information superhighway" — which will obviate the need for anybody ever to go out of doors again — is about to break into American homes. The reason is that the merger to beat all mergers was announced this week: a $33 billion marriage between America's largest cable television company, Tele-Communications Inc (TCI), and one of the biggest telephone companies, Bell Atlantic of New Jersey. This had already been a bumper year for link-ups between huge communications companies, such as BT's purchase last June of a $4.3 billion stake in the American MCI, but they have all been dwarfed by this deal, which is proclaimed as heralding a communications revolution.

We are told that this will transform the American way of life by ushering in a new "interactive video world". Cable networks, it is explained, have the technology to deliver hundreds of television channels into your home along a single wire, but you can't normally answer back. Telephone lines, on the other hand, can carry only limited amounts of information, but they are equipped with switching systems that allow anybody on the network to communicate with anybody else.

The idea is that by a combination of these two technologies, it will be possible to use a single fibre-optic wire as a conduit for innumerable television and telephone channels along which people will be able not merely to converse and watch TV, but also to communicate visually and by computer in all sorts of ways. All these functions will be controlled by a little box on top of the television set, which, according to "the king of cable", John Malone (who created the cable monster TCI before merging it with Bell Atlantic), "will allow us to control all the communications needs of a household with one device".

It is all devilishly clever, but what kind of revolution is it actually going to be? Despite all the hype and the rhetoric, the "interactive video world" does not sound a very agreeable place to inhabit. Maybe it will be nice to be able to pay one's bills in seconds by transferring money with a few clicks on the remote control. Maybe it will be nice to be able to summon up any film or television show for watching at any time whenever

one wants. But how is a person to cope with a choice of 500 different channels? It could drive you mad.

Hollywood is thrilled, because it will be called upon to fill these endless channels, but the prospect is rather less thrilling for the consumer who can find little enough to entertain him on television already, and what little there is will be a great deal harder to find. The house-bound or bedridden will doubtless find it convenient to do their shopping from catalogues on the screen. Some bored people may even enjoy taking an active part in television gameshows without leaving their armchairs. But for all the claims that this revolution will give people new freedom and change them from "couch potatoes" into "couch commandos", it is difficult to find the whole thing very inspiring.

Apart from the tedium of most of the available options, there are some aspects of this revolution which one would surely rather do without. Who wants a videophone, for example? Does anybody want to be seen by the person he is talking to on the telephone? Apparently this will not be obligatory — you will have to give your permission before your face appears on the other person's screen — but the idea of having to look one's best for a telephone conversation is an appalling one. Another dreadful prospect is that there will be a proliferation of video cameras all over the place to exploit the new system's capacity for visual prying.

The new merger will have to be approved by the government in Washington, and already political voices have been raised against the creation of this "mega-monster" and its supposed threat to competition in the communications and media industries. But it is generally expected that the deal will be allowed to go ahead, if only because the costs of opening up the "information superhighway" are so huge that they can only be borne by vast conglomerates.

At the same time, there are a few people who believe the whole thing could turn out to be a gigantic disaster, and that confronted with such a terrifying array of options, the American viewer will resist all efforts to turn him into a "couch commando" and instead remain a "couch potato", sticking with the old programmes he is used to (if he can find them) and ignoring all the perplexing new opportunities for "interacting". These pessimists point out that in places where "interactive" television has already been tried, the public response has generally been disappointing.

I rather hope the pessimists are right. It would be wonderful to see Americans reject the brave new world that is about to be foisted upon them. But, alas, I very much doubt it will happen.

Families need fathers — who pay up

The Child Support Agency's maintenance formula is fair and long overdue, says **Alistair Burt**

The new Child Support Agency is at an early stage of implementing a social reform aimed at securing more maintenance, more reliably, for more people. By 1997, all parents who are living apart, in all sections of society, will come under its remit.

I am fully aware that the dramatic change in the way child maintenance is now being assessed is making some of those absent fathers who were already making a contribution question the fairness of the new system. Those absent parents who are now receiving maintenance enquiry forms through their letterboxes, and who agreed with the aims of the Child Support Act, need to be reassured about the principles behind the government's aim of making sure all parents pay realistic sums for the upkeep of their children.

Such principles apply to those who have been paying as well as those who have not. They are principles which ensure more fairness not only between the child and the absent parent, but also between the absent parent and the taxpayer — who has paid for the costs of separation for too long.

Under the old scheme, there were huge variations in awards for people in similar financial circumstances. Some fathers on high incomes were paying £5 a week or less for their children.

The message that maintenance from an absent parent would have to increase to an average £45 to £50 per week per child was made clear long before the start of the agency. It has been repeated many times in Parliament, in widespread consultation exercises and in publicity after the agency's launch in April, and there has been hardly any dissent.

Now critics are saying that some absent parents (around 90 per cent of whom are men) are being asked to pay unrealistic sums. They suggest that those fathers who have handed over their share of mortgaged properties to their former partners should pay less. But what many of these fathers have also done is pass on the cost of raising their children to the parents with care, or, more likely, to the taxpayer in cases where the mother receives income-related benefits.

Critics also say that so-called "clean-break" property settlements made during a divorce should be allowed for in the formula for assessing realistic maintenance. But the principle of the clean break applies only to spousal maintenance, which can always be reviewed in the interest of the child. The agency's carefully designed formula, which allows the great majority of absent fathers to keep 70-85 per cent of net income after deduction of child maintenance, provides for the practical results of a settlement by recognising the likely increase in housing costs to the absent parent.

Similarly, if a father's hire-purchase debts or school fees for the children of a second family took priority over maintaining the child of his first family, then the taxpayer would be asked to pay more to feed and clothe that child. It would be absurd for the state to subsidise contributions to private education or to encourage men to get into debt in order to avoid paying maintenance.

What should not be disputed is the first family's right to share in the prosperity of a better-off absent parent.

The Child Support Agency is already improving on a discretionary, inconsistent and unwieldy court-based child maintenance system that had failed many children. Far fewer people now need to go to court to obtain child maintenance, which is exactly the opposite of what is being stated by the lawyers who have claimed that child maintenance cases will clog the courts..

Under the old scheme, the average award for all child maintenance agreements was not much more than £25 a week, and that was irrespective of the number of children being maintained. Seventy per cent of lone parents failed to receive maintenance regularly, and the number of non-payers was continually increasing.

The agency already has half a million cases on its books, and has established maintenance payments for the first time to lone mothers from all walks of life. Many others who were getting only very low sums are now receiving reasonable amounts.

Cases in which the parent with care is receiving income-related benefits, or the taxpayer has an interest, are being taken on over the next three years, before 1996-7. After that, those who are not receiving income-related benefits and who have existing court orders or voluntary agreements will be taken on.

> The first family has a right to share in the prosperity of an absent parent

In the meantime, those who are receiving maintenance through existing court orders can go back to court to seek an increase. It is perhaps a measure of the inadequacy of the previous system that few people felt they could go back to court for effective settlements.

We are beginning to reduce the £5 billion annual cost of maintaining nearly a million lone parents on income-related benefits. Absent fathers who can afford to keep their own children must not expect to involve the taxpayer when organising their financial arrangements following separation.

The child support maintenance formula is no poll tax. The Community Charge was criticised for being regressive and not taking into account the ability to pay. The agency's formula, on the other hand, is scrupulous in taking into consideration the absent parent's income and essential costs of living, such as housing costs and the costs of any of his children living with him, before the calculation of the maintenance liability is made. The 70-85 per cent net income remaining in most cases leaves significant spending choices.

Clearly, increased spending on child maintenance will mean that absent parents have to reconsider other kinds of expenditure. Responsibilities for first families will have to be considered alongside responsibilities for second families, as they always should have been. This will require very difficult decisions, but it cannot be right to continue a system in which the taxpayer so often had to underwrite the costs of separation.

Until now, many lone mothers would have preferred to work but could not, as they have been on benefits and receiving insignificant maintenance or none at all. Establishing regular maintenance at realistic levels will enable them to make real choices.

If there is an "unjust burden", as a *Times* leading article suggested, it is on these lone mothers and taxpayers who have not been fully considered in the past. I believe it is right to redress the balance.

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The bodies which control sport should make changes sooner, lest games become boring

Bad rules make bad sports

In 1931, Southport's line-up could afford to smile: teams were truly representative and many more goals were scored, giving supporters much more to cheer about

Hurrah! England is out of the 1994 World Cup in America and thank goodness. The world's most absurd sporting event will not be graced by England's most appalling ambassadors. We shall, I hope, be spared hours of mindless interviews and footage of skinheads running riot with Union Jacks. We shall be spared a game gone rotten.

I am not a football aficionado, though I used to be one. Soccer was ruined when players became mercenaries, hired by towns and tribes whose colours they wear only until a better offer comes along. They thus came to represent only themselves. Greed led football's rulers into too many cups, too many "second legs", too many foreign trips trailed by yobbish supporters. Orwell's remark after the 1945 London visit of Moscow Dynamo, that nothing short of war does more damage to international relations than football, has been vindicated.

Worse has been the decline of the game itself. There was some talk after the 1990 World Cup fiasco of revising the rulebook. Both semi-finals had been decided on penalty shoot-outs. The final was won by a single German penalty for an Argentinian foul, just after Argentina had been refused a penalty for a similar German foul. Argentina and Germany scored only one goal apiece in open play in their last three games. The matches were nearly unwatchable, as was this year's English FA Cup final. As in first world war battles, defence was supreme over attack. Scorelines were determined not by overall skill or the balance of play, but by trivial errors or penalties.

Before the last war, the average of goals per game in the World Cup was never less than four. It was down to three by 1970 and to 2.2 in Italy in 1990. The final rounds in Italy might as well have been determined on the toss of a coin. Most sports inflicting such nonsense on their supporters would tear up their rulebooks and start again. Not soccer. Soccer's rulebook was drawn up in a London pub in 1863 at the dawn of the British Empire, and its Football Association custodians regard it as holy writ.

There was some murmur after 1990 from the international body, Fifa, of changing throw-ins to free kicks and of reviewing the offside rule. Such novelties gave the FA gerontocracy a heart attack. They seem unable even to contemplate a single United Kingdom team. How on earth can we justify sending English, Scots, Welsh and Northern Irish teams to world competitions? The bauble is Britain's reward for having invented soccer all those years ago. What sort of reward so dilutes the nation's effort as to lead to nobody representing Britain at all next year (unless the Welsh come up trumps)? This is nationalism at its most sham, most Disneyesque. Why not let Bavaria or Catalonia send teams? They have greater autonomy than Wales.

World Cup teams are not really teams at all. They are scratch groups of players, often expatriates, brought together for one-off exhibition matches. The eliminating rounds are simply silly. In 1990, French-trained Cameroons qualified, but France did not. United Arab Emirates, the ultimate scratch team, qualified, while Portugal did not. England would probably have done better to field a top premier league team, except that such a team is likely to be composed of "nationals" of other "home countries". Perhaps instead the European Community should field a single team, since most EC clubs draw from across Europe.

What is wrong with soccer is simple. The scoring system is out of date. Since the rules of "dribbling football" were first codified to distinguish it from Rugby football, they have barely been changed. The field is still measured in yards. The goal is still eight yards wide and eight feet high. Offside is virtually unchanged. I am sure one reason for the curse of crowd and player violence which has long been associated with soccer is frustration at the difficulty of scoring and with the resulting unfairness. An Old Etonian team tried to sell soccer to Yale in 1873. The game could not compete with the excitement and decisive scorelines of rugby, introduced from Canada and then being played at Harvard. Modern American football evolved swiftly as the result.

Simon Jenkins

Why sport should be the most reactionary of all forms of social activity is a mystery. Perhaps those who have spent their lives guarding antique rules feel that the system so drenched in history must be beyond improvement. Self-regulating professions are ever thus. The rules of most sports were written more than a century ago, apparently in stone. The human body may change, skills may develop and equipment improve, but the sizes of teams, fields, goals, nets, hurdles are as locked in past time as the Coronation ritual.

Soccer is not alone. Rugby union has struggled to protect its reputation and its players as ever bigger men chase ever bigger payouts with ever more dangerous brawls. The result has been spectator bafflement as play is constantly stopped and penalties are awarded. Many matches have their outcomes determined by the referee's discretion over penalties, if not his whim. Any game whose rules are so hard to obey that teams win or lose by differential infringement is in need of reform. The union game will one day adopt league rules and end rucks and mauls. But I bet it is later rather than sooner.

Cricket's appeal would likewise be vastly improved by some rule changes. I would go for four stumps instead of three, compensated by a longer pitch. I would also end leg-before-wicket dismissals as long as the batsman had played a stroke. This would encourage stroke-play without, I believe, altering the balance between batsman and bowler — a balance that is the essence of cricket's thrill. Instead, more players would be out by being bowled, caught or run out, and the tedious menace of fast bowling would be reduced by the longer trajectory. The greatest gain would be in more lively play, with fewer offensive arguments over umpiring decisions. I am sure such thoughts are anathema to the Test and County Cricket Board. It regards itself as guarding tablets of stone, not guiding a living sport.

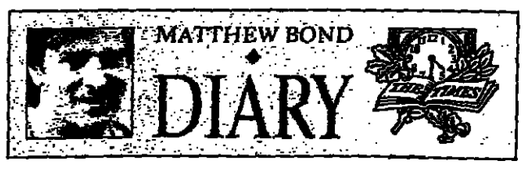
I could go on. Why should the size of the hole in golf, fixed at 108mm in 1834, be considered the perfect dimension for all time? Golf would patently be a fairer and more watchable game if holes were widened and some restriction were placed on the power of the initial drive from the tee. More fairway play and less time on the green would tilt the balance of play towards athletic ability and away from the pernickety accuracy of hitting the bullseye of a tiny hole. At very least, shots on and off the green should score differently. But I am sure what was good for the gentlemen of the Royal and Ancient a century and a half ago is more than good enough for them today.

The one game with a truly inspired scoring system is tennis. The better player on court wins. Save for the occasional dubious line call, the scoreline reflects precisely the balance of play. Overwhelming superiority means short games; close matches are long ones. The tie-break for resolving evenly balanced sets is a work of scoring genius — soccer's penalty shoot-outs and golf's sudden death play-offs are crude in comparison. Tennis's most obvious shortcoming, the speed of first services, will be rectified (I hope) with softer balls. This is now the fastest growing spectator sport and no wonder. Not since prizefighting has a contest between two human beings so perfectly counterposed strength, skill, stamina and personality. The secret lies in the scoring.

Soccer is still the world's most popular sport, claiming some 40 million adherents worldwide. But it should look to its laurels. There must be more goals scored from open play. I offer a solution that requires no change to the rules of play at all. It is blissfully simple. The 1863 ruling that goalposts should be positioned eight yards apart should be changed to ten yards, or whatever width yields an average of ten goals per match during an experimental period. I can hear the rattle of apoplectic fits at FA headquarters, drowning even the screams of the goalies' union. But if I were the American promoters of next year's World Cup, I would insist on the change right away. Otherwise they have another fiasco on their hands.

An extract from Simon Jenkins's The Selling of Mary Davies, *published this week, appears in Weekend.*

Rest and revisionism



Hillary Clinton took less than a year to become the most influential woman in the White House. Mimi Papandreou took less than a week to take control of the Greek prime minister's private office. And Norma Major? She took a weekend off and went to the Lake District with her husband.

Yes, with the strains of "The Blue Flag", or whatever it is they sing at the end of Tory party conferences, still hanging in the Blackpool air, the Majors retired to an Ullswater hotel for a spot of post-conference "R & R" — rest and recrimination. A doctor, called in to check on their condition, diagnosed both as suffering from acute ME — memoir exhaustion.

The conference, however, had clearly gone well enough for the prime minister to embark on one visit that his image-makers would never have risked before unity so unexpectedly broke out. He went to the Wordsworth museum — and survived. Did the newspaper headlines scream "Major wanders lonely as a cloud"? They did not. Did he, all at once, spot a crowd of golden Liberal Democrats? He did not. If anything the golden Lib Dems were showing the first signs of having bolted. The one surprise, in fact, in what was no doubt a "most agreeable" visit to Dove Cottage was that Major chose to arrive in battle-dress: woolly jumper and slacks.

Looking somewhat less relaxed was the prime minister's principal tormentor, Lady Thatcher. No doubt aware that her thumbnail assassinations of virtually every minister who ever served under her were threatening her place in history, some rapid revisionism was called for. Curiously though, the process of political rehabilitation began not with the Lords Lawson and Howe, but with her mother. In future, decreed Lady T, her *Who's Who* entry will be amended to include the vital contribution made by Beatrice Roberts. This went some way to repairing the damage done a few years ago when Lady T admitted she stopped talking to her mother when she was 15. It is now widely accepted that what she meant was that at 15 she stopped listening — to anyone.

But whatever the personal animosity between Herself and her successor, there is no doubt the ideological divide is narrowing. Just look at the enthusiasm with which the government is pursuing graduates who have defaulted on student loans, or the eager early efforts of the Child Support Agency to track down absent fathers. With the principles of pay as you learn and pay as you, er, reproduce, so well established, it was surprising to see the government reject another fine revenue-raising scheme from Lord Woolf — pay as you are burgled. A warning from a new pro-smoking pressure group that smokers are regularly being discriminated against by the National Health Service put the matter beyond doubt — it was definitely not the time for male graduates to celebrate an act of procreation with the traditional cigarette. Unless they were burglars.

The BBC was not having a happy time either. No sooner had the corporation announced that Radio 5 would become a news and sports channel than Ronald Koeman's delicate lob left one large hole in England's World Cup ambitions and another in Radio 5's summer schedule. Just as unfittingly, *Campaign*, the advertising magazine, chose this week to give one of its coveted gold awards to a poster for Nike, headlined "Behind every great goalkeeper there's a ball from Ian Wright". Not behind De Goey there wasn't.

While Radio 5 teetered, some of the cornerstones of BBC broadcasting have been crumbling. The 35th anniversary celebrations of *Blue Peter* have been pounded by a double blow from which many impressionable thirtysomethings may never recover. We learnt not only that the original Petra died as a puppy (to be secretly replaced by an uncredited mongrel), but that Baby Daniel, who retired from the show, to the relief of many, at the age of two, grew up to be a drug-taking criminal. Started off sniffing sticky-back plastic, apparently.

Nor has a slightly older generation been protected from the harsh realities of the modern world. Long gone are the days when *Woman's Hour* was a soothing mixture of housekeeping tips and recipes, but after 47 years it was still a surprise when the programme was censured by the Broadcasting Standards Committee for an unpleasantly violent episode of the morning serial. In the wake of the ruling, producers say such adult material will now be broadcast, only at a more suitable hour — after the 11.30am coffeeshed.

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JUST ACCEPTABLE

Media coverage is rarely an argument against prosecution

Mr Justice Garland's detailed explanation yesterday of his decision not to proceed with the trial of three retired West Midlands police officers involved in the case of the Birmingham Six was a welcome gloss on a much-disputed judgment. His statement should help to reassure those who feared that he had unilaterally subverted the complex relationship between courts and media. But it has not settled all the issues raised by the failed prosecution.

Last week, Mr Justice Garland argued that George Reade, Terence Woodwiss and Colin Morris could not be tried fairly for perjury and conspiracy to pervert the course of justice, because of the "volume and intensity" of the media coverage which followed the acquittal of the six Irishmen convicted for the Birmingham pub bombings in 1975. Taken at face value, the judgment appeared to make public notoriety grounds for immunity from prosecution. It seemed to offer a bizarre incentive to defendants to whip up adverse pre-trial publicity about themselves, and to force upon responsible journalists an impossible moral choice between reporting to the public and thwarting justice.

In practice — as he reiterated yesterday — the judge's point was more subtle, reflecting the narrowness of the Crown's case in this particular trial rather than his belief in the vulnerability of the legal process to media coverage in general. The prosecutors chose to focus exclusively on the timing of notes of interviews with one of the Irishmen, Richard McIlkenny, in November 1974. They chose not to offer a view on the substance of the confession or the manner in which it was obtained — precisely the issues in the Birmingham Six case which have attracted most attention.

As Mr Justice Garland said yesterday, it would have been very difficult under these circumstances to isolate "the very narrow prosecution case involving McIlkennny alone from the whole matrix of events from 1975 to 1991". During that time, he added, the words "Birmingham Six" had become "synonymous with 'forced confession'". Had the Crown case been better prepared, the judge's caution would have been unnecessary.

Yet the legal coherence of the judge's defence of his decision is scant compensation for the collapse of this important trial. Nineteen years after the Birmingham bombs claimed 21 lives and two years after the six Irishmen were released, no sound convictions of any sort have been obtained in connection with the case. The bombers are still at large; the policemen involved have not had the chance to answer the allegations laid against them by the Court of Appeal in 1991 and by the media subsequently. The decision to drop last week's prosecution may have been legally sound, but it has done nothing to restore confidence in the legal system which was so badly dented by the original miscarriages of justice involved in the Birmingham Six case.

Mr Justice Garland's assurance that he had no wish to set a precedent may also prove optimistic. "I am concerned simply with the effect of what actually occurred in the particular circumstances of this case," he said yesterday, "not questions of policy." That was a disingenuous position for an experienced judge to take. His decision last week can no more be considered in isolation than the prosecution case with which he took issue. Whatever his intentions, it will be seen as part of a jurisprudential trend hostile to incisive investigative journalism.

In June, the Court of Appeal acquitted Lisa and Michelle Taylor of murder on the grounds that media coverage had prejudiced their trial. Though very different, these two precedents will undoubtedly be exploited by defence counsels in the future to try to thwart legitimate prosecutions. It is essential that such efforts are resisted whole-heartedly by the courts. Only in the most exceptional circumstances should the public's interest in a case be made an argument against its prosecution.

UNNECESSARY PAIN

There are no medals for bravery in childbirth

It is lucky that most women forget the pain of childbirth soon after the event; otherwise the world would fast become depopulated. The *Book of Common Prayer*'s description — "the snares of death compassed me round about: and the pains of hell gat hold upon me" — can seem no poetic exaggeration. Any innovation that helps to relieve pain without endangering the life of mother or baby should therefore be welcomed.

Birthing pools are the latest such novelty. They can be a great boon to women in labour: the warmth and feeling of weightlessness allow mothers to relax between contractions and to deal more easily with the pain when it comes. Many women who use the pools do not actually give birth underwater. Those who do generally experience no problems, since the baby's breathing reflex is not triggered until its face comes into contact with the air.

Yet now there are reports of two deaths of babies after the use of pools: one in Sweden and another in Bristol. Panic is not yet in order. Eight babies out of every 1,000 die in childbirth in Britain, so water birth is likely to bear its share. Until proper studies have been conducted, obstetricians would be wrong to steer labouring women away from such a useful pain-relieving tool.

The medical profession has hugely improved its attitude towards childbirth. Many hospitals, in response to demand, have installed pools or birthing chairs which allow mothers to give birth in an upright position. Most doctors and midwives now encourage women to move around during labour and to adopt whatever position allows them to deal best with the painful contractions. In many hospitals, women now fill in a birth plan, in which they can state in advance how they would like the delivery to happen.

This new freedom of choice is admirable. But for many women it can also be bewildering. Those feminists who fought for the right to a natural childbirth in the 1970s did a fine job of wresting back for the mother some control over the event. Yet they also, unwittingly perhaps, did some of their sisters a disservice.

Having read those rapturous accounts of childbirth without pain relief, many first-time mothers now feel determined to give birth with no analgesic. When the pain, which nobody who has not experienced it can imagine, finally arrives, they can be taken aback by its severity. If they "give in" and ask for an epidural anaesthetic, they often feel failures. Machismo, once the preserve of men, has now been adopted by women, who are expected to "breathe" their way through the worst pain they are ever likely to suffer.

Before the First World War, early feminists fought for the right to end the scourge of suffering in childbirth. Their descendants now seem to be fighting for the right to suffer pain, free from pain-relieving drugs. Of course no woman should be forced to accept medical intervention that she does not want. But nor should she feel obliged by fashion or peer pressure to reject it.

Epidurals are a wonderful invention that allow women to give birth, fully conscious and without pain, at very little risk to themselves or their babies. There are no medals for having a tooth pulled without anaesthetic; women need not feel guilty about choosing the same comfort in childbirth.

PEACE IN PROGRESS

The Nobel prize is not the end of diplomatic effort

Unhappy is the country that wins a Nobel peace prize. The award generally indicates a sorry lack of peace in the award-winner's native land. Worse, the prize has, on several occasions, merely been the precursor to a new upsurge of violence.

Remember the North Vietnamese onslaught that came only two years after Henry Kissinger and Le Duc Tho had apparently brought peace to South Vietnam, the rapid shattering of the dreams of reconciliation in Northern Ireland by Mairead Corrigan and Betty Williams, the award to Adolfo Esquivel, the Argentinian human rights campaigner, two years before the invasion of the Falklands, and the prizes given to the Dalai Lama and Aung San Suu Kyi, whose tortured countries are no nearer to peace and liberty.

The award by the Oslo Nobel committee of the peace prize to Nelson Mandela and President F.W. de Klerk means that the prize has now been bestowed on South Africans three times. Yet peace is still far over that country's horizon. Urban violence is probably worse than ever. A civil war looms. And even the steps towards a fair and free election and the removal of all legal discrimination based on race are uncertain.

It has been an extraordinary personal achievement by both men to bring South Africa so far out of its embattled laager in so short a time while still yet avoiding the cataclysm so long prophesied. Both have reached out far beyond their ethnic kraals to embrace not only each other, but a message of reconciliation and mutual need that neither whites nor blacks have been prepared to utter. They have repeatedly risked their political lives to insist on the message of moderation, the need to look beyond the passions and suspicions which distort their countrymen's views and make political progress so precarious.

It is in South Africa's dependency on these two men that the danger lies. The prize is premature; their work is not finished, and should either man now fall prey to political manoeuvring or the assassin's bullet — a very real threat — the edifice of racial peace they have so painstakingly constructed could quickly collapse.

Awarding a prize for peace is always controversial. Can peace be measured? Should the Oslo parliament bestow Nobel's considerable prestige and sum of money on an individual as recognition of his or her effort made to bring about this elusive state, or should the yardstick be a lasting political result? President de Klerk and Mr Mandela deserve the prize for effort and intention, and as a public encouragement to show their domestic critics that the world believes they have set their faces in the right direction and would like others to follow. But should judgement not be suspended a little longer?

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Are harsh punishments the answer to rising crime?

From Mr Julian Brazier, MP for Canterbury (Conservative)

Sir, Your columns demonstrate a flood of opposition from lawyers and legal experts, to Michael Howard's proposals to tackle the imbalance between the defence and the prosecution in our creaking criminal justice system (letters, October 9, 11, 14).

The truth, as every constituency MP should know, is that the public are vastly more worried about the suffering of large numbers of the genuinely innocent, the old, the weak and the defenceless, at the hands of criminals, than they are about the occasional wrongful conviction.

Fifteen million crimes in 1991 (British Crime Survey figures) resulted in only 335,000 convictions, albeit some of them for multiple offences.

As cases up and down the country collapse against experienced criminals well versed in the exploitation of the very loopholes the home secretary seeks to block, the effect of a failure to restore the balance in our courts would be to hand the administration of justice over to the lynch mob.

Evidence of vigilante action from my own constituency convinces me that we are dangerously close to this. The legal establishment is simply wrong. We must listen to the public before irreparable damage is done to respect for the law.

Yours faithfully,
JULIAN BRAZIER,
House of Commons.
October 15.

From the Earl of Longford

Sir, You refer to the philosophy behind the 1991 Criminal Justice Act as "discredited" (leading article, October 7) and appear to take pleasure in the fact that the government are ignoring or repudiating its principles.

For many years Conservative home secretaries have had to contend with the emotions of their conference (the so-called hangers and floggers) but on the whole they have bravely resisted. Mr Howard has caved in with apparent enthusiasm.

In principle I would support any measures calculated to help the police to perform their immensely difficult task more efficiently, but I would resist with any remaining strength a policy which would make conditions in our prisons still more unworthy of a Christian country.

Mr Major is to be congratulated on emerging as a champion of moral values. I would hope that in future he would not forget to include among them humanity and forgiveness.

Yours sincerely,
FRANK LONGFORD,
House of Lords.
October 11.

From the President and the Chairman of the Howard League for Penal Reform

Sir, You are to be congratulated for printing (October 14) the edited text of Lord Woolf's speech to the New Assembly of Churches. The sentiments articulated by Lord Woolf reflect a progressive tradition in criminal policy that can be traced back to Winston Churchill's period as home secretary, 1910-11.

This tradition's most recent official expression was Douglas Hurd's 1990 white paper, *Crime, Justice and Protecting the Public*, and largely acted upon in the Criminal Justice Act 1991.

Michael Howard's banal utterances on criminal policy display a contemptuous disregard for the lessons of penal history. Instead, the complex issues of crime and punishment have been hijacked onto an authoritarian and ultimately self-defeating agenda. It is to be hoped that wiser voices within the Cabinet will prevail, perhaps reminding Mr Howard of Churchill's words that "the treatment of crime and criminals mark and measure the stored up strength of a nation, and are the sign and proof of the living virtue in it".

Yours sincerely,
JOHN MORTIMER,
President,
ANDREW RUTHERFORD,
Chairman,
The Howard League for Penal Reform,
708 Holloway Road, N19.
October 14.

From Professor Emeritus Nigel Walker

Sir, Lord Woolf's preference for non-custodial sentences and tackling the underlying causes of crime takes me back to the optimistic 1950s. Since those days we have learned from research to be more pessimistic, at least where repeated offending is concerned. But courts were persuaded — sometimes for merely economic reasons — to postpone the first custodial sentence until they had tried probation and suspended sentences (neither of them very effective).

One result is that most prisoners are men whose careers have shown that they are unlikely to respond to rehabilitation. This is the simple and straightforward explanation of the high reconviction rates of ex-prisoners. We ought to be more impressed by the smaller but still substantial numbers who are *not* reconvicted (even if we suspect that some are merely not re-detected).

As for identifying and tackling the underlying causes of crime, Lord Woolf himself concedes that identifying them is difficult. Tackling them would be just as hard. Most of them would take decades to reduce (abolition is scarcely a possibility); and we should then have to wait another decade or so for crime rates to fall.

Meanwhile, prevention is more likely to be an effective policy; and prevention includes imprisonment.

I am etc,
NIGEL WALKER,
King's College, Cambridge.
October 13.

From Mr Alfred Finer

Sir, While Lord Woolf agonises on behalf of the offender, I, with almost 40 years' experience of the system as a prison visitor, community worker and magistrate, equally agonise on behalf of the victims.

Lord Woolf argues in favour of decriminalising certain drug offences as a means of reducing the prison population, and penalising people who do not take steps to protect their property. Why not suggest that stealing from shops is the fault of the shopkeeper for displaying goods temptingly? And why penalise the innocent member of society whilst the offender is free to roam the streets, to plunder and to attack?

Yours faithfully,
ALFRED FINER,
23 Highview Gardens, Finchley, N3.
October 14.

From Inspector R. J. Kitchen

Sir, I think the home secretary should be congratulated on his speech to the party faithful (report, "Howard leads right wing policy charge", October 7). It was music to their ears.

Actions, however, are more difficult to work. To carry out his proposals more finance will be required for the judiciary and the police for better training and more officers to carry out the requirement. None of this can be achieved if Sir Patrick Sheehy's report on police structure is implemented. *Be positive, Mr Howard, dump Sheehy.*

Yours faithfully,
R. J. KITCHEN,
Warwickshire Police HQ,
Leekwootton, Warwick.
October 7.

From Mr H. L. Miller

Sir, Lord Woolf has hit on the right idea to reduce the number of reported car crimes: threatening to penalise the victims will certainly stop them from telling the police. What will happen if the victim fails to pay his fine? No doubt he or she will be sent to prison.

Yours faithfully,
H. L. MILLER,
45 Weymouth Street, W1.
October 14.

Fears for Science Museum staffing

From Mr Frank Miles

Sir, I understand that the Science Museum in London — the largest museum dedicated to science in the world — may be about to damage its *raison d'être* by sacking a quarter of its highly respected curators and a third of its library staff to help to finance some new exhibition rooms, which in my view may have less to do with science than with advertising commercial concerns.

Surely the consequences of such cuts would go against the museum's obligations under the National Heritage Act, namely to add to and care for the collections. The expertise of all the present curators I regard as essential in the task of selecting items of scientific importance and in arranging their subsequent exhibition to the public benefit.

I am also concerned that the cuts may adversely affect access to, and the running of, the library. With something like half a million books — a national resource respected by scientists throughout the world — the documentation of its books and the museum's exhibits is of necessity labour-intensive.

Future generations would surely curse a director who, having first introduced admittance charges, now apparently wants galleries to provide advertising space for donors to the museum instead of simply maintaining the museum's highly respected tradition of providing a first-class house of scientific knowledge from which so many of us have drawn inspiration and knowledge.

Yours faithfully,
FRANK MILES
(Head of Science, Independent Television News, 1972-87),
14 Rectory Road, Beckenham, Kent.
October 13.

Backing Wagner

From Mr Robert Boas

Sir, I find Barry Millington's attempts (Arts, October 6) to prove Wagner's *Die Meistersinger* anti-Semitic far-fetched and entirely unconvincing.

To describe the malignant Beckmesser as an anti-Jewish caricature on the vague grounds that he indulges in limping, shambling and blinking and cannot match words to music suggests a real desperation for evidence. Moreover, Wagner's original intention to call his unpleasant town clerk Hanslich was due not to the Viennese critic Hanslick's Jewish blood but to his conservative attacks on Wagner's music.

Nor does Millington's citing of the brothers Grimm advance his thesis. I can discover no "close parallel" between the fairy-tale "The Jew in the Thorn-bush" and any scene in *Die Meistersinger* — Millington does not specify which scene — and Wagner makes Beckmesser say, "*Der Schuster weckt doch stets mir Grimm*" ("The cobbler always awakens my wrath") not in reference to the fairy-tale writers but to provide a rhyme for "*Ausschlag-Stimm*" in the previous line.

We can still go to the Covent Garden *Meistersinger* with a clear conscience.

Yours truly,
ROBERT BOAS,
15 Lone Pine Court,
Brixworth,
Northamptonshire.
October 7.

Missing names

From Mr Dafydd Evans

Sir, Mr D. W. Taylor (letter, October 13) may be right about the "linguistic degradation" attending the modern pronunciation of Cyril but he is surely wrong about Cecil. When was this ever "Kekil"? I imagined that it was generally accepted that the modern form is derived from "Seisyll(t)", a Welsh family name from the border counties. Not only is Cecil still found there but so is "Saysell".

And did not the noble Cecil family pronounce their name "Sissill" anyway?

Yours faithfully,
DAFYDD EVANS,
Flat 3, 47 Ladbroke Grove, W11.
October 15.

From Mrs E. Bryant

Sir, When my friend had trouble training his Labrador, named Saxon, the vet told him it was impossible to sound convincing when reprimanding a dog whose name began with a sibilant.

Perhaps parents of sons find the same, to the detriment of "Cyril" et al.

Yours faithfully,
ELIZABETH BRYANT,
Top Floor, Goldsmith Building, EC4.
October 13.

Political memoirs

From Mr K. B. Pearson

Sir, A while ago I had occasion to take up a reference on a new employee from his previous company.

They had taken him on as a lad, trained him, appointed him to management and later promoted him. I forget the adjectives they used in the reference but the effect of their message was that he was no good.

Employers, like autobiographers, can indict themselves.

Yours faithfully,
KEITH B. PEARSON,
27 Russell Hill, Purley, Surrey.

From Mr P. R. Gordon

Sir, From reports of the first extracts it seems that one will need a heart of stone not to be deeply moved by the anguished cry of "*mea culpa*" ringing out from Lady Thatcher's memoirs.

Yours sincerely,
P. R. GORDON,
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Jedburgh Road,
Kelso, Roxburghshire.

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Tattoo advice

From the President of the British Association of Plastic Surgeons

Sir, Your article, "Butterflies and painted ladies" (October 7), suggests that tattoos are popular and, by the examples given of those who have them, respectable. May I add to the emphasis, which is not made until the final paragraph, that many of those who have tattoos later deeply regret it when circumstances in life change: new partners, new jobs, just growing up or changing fashions make a tattoo, previously seeming attractive, an unbearable stigma.

To remove a tattoo is infinitely more complex than inflicting it, and the NHS does not make provision for this. It is also dangerous to believe that a skin graft or a laser can remove a tattoo without leaving a mark: there is always and permanently a readily visible mark as extensive, larger or worse than the tattoo.

People should be free to have tattoos of course, but in my view should be offered always detailed advice of the consequences of doing so before they are inflicted. It should be an offence to inflict a tattoo on an individual under the influence of drugs or alcohol. All young persons should be obliged to provide evidence of parental consent or of their maturity.

Yours faithfully,
ROY SANDERS,
President, British Association of Plastic Surgeons,
Mount Vernon Hospital,
Rickmansworth Road,
Northwood, Middlesex.
October 7.

Gold standard

From Dr G. C. L. Bertram

Sir, In the open market in Aleppo in late 1944, with the then Keith Murray (obituary of Lord Murray of Newhaven, October 12), my leader in the Middle East Supply Centre, we came upon merchants seated around a marble slab. Upon this they were counting newly minted King George VI gold sovereigns, part of an Allied plan to allay local inflation.

The great man asked what they would do with the new money. They were as one with their answer: use one third to help your present business; spend another third in buying land; and the last third bury in the ground very secretly.

That answer much pleased Murray the economist. We had immense respect for him.

Yours etc,
COLIN BERTRAM,
St John's College, Cambridge.
October 12.

Forgotten Woolwich

From Councillor Dermot Poston

Sir, John Young's excellent article ("Forgotten Woolwich vies for place on London tourist map", October 11) about the "architectural splendours" of Woolwich makes me wonder if the interest he and others have directed towards the Royal Arsenal site comes in time to save the important Royal Laboratory buildings, which date from 1695 and produced the first fireworks made at Woolwich.

There can be no doubt that the 18 listed buildings in the arsenal complex, although looking unloved now, could make an astonishingly effective composition with their focal point in Dial Square and then leading down to the riverside. When Nikolaus Pevsner first saw them he was moved to quote from an 1865 guide book which described the arsenal as presenting "sights which stand alone and unparalleled in history, a glorious spectacle which neither Greece with her immense resources nor Rome in her Imperial power could boast".

It is to be hoped that the development plan of the MoD, the Crown Estate and the Greenwich council will give us back in south-east London a tangible reminder of this lost glory.

Yours faithfully,
DERMOT D. POSTON,
10 Eltham Park Gardens, SE9.
October 11.

A place for courtesy

From Mrs Loraine Smith

Sir, Mrs Klemz's extraordinary grumble concerning men opening doors for her (letter, October 14) made me wonder if she has ever struggled with shopping bags, trolley, small children or a pushchair. As the years catch up with her she may change her mind. In the meantime, please don't spoil it for those of us who appreciate a little consideration and concern for others.

Yours faithfully,
LORAINE SMITH,
38 Crossbush Road, Felpham,
Bognor Regis, West Sussex.
October 14.

From Mr John Catton

Sir, Your ungracious correspondent should beware of the response given to a similar independent-minded lady who rejected such an offer of good manners: "Madam, I hold the door open, not because you are a lady, but because I am a gentleman."

Yours sincerely,
JOHN CATTON,
Hill Farm House,
Barton-le-Clay, Bedfordshire.
October 15.

Ordination 'race'

From the Reverend Richard Thomas

Sir, In the Church of England individual dioceses have always set the dates for their ordination services at different times, and Ruth Gledhill (report, October 11) is wrong to suggest that dioceses are in any way "racing" to be the first to ordain women as priests.

It follows logically that someone will be first, but the Church of England rarely races to do anything.

Yours faithfully,
RICHARD THOMAS
(Communications Officer),
The Diocese of Oxford,
Diocesan Church House,
North Hinksey, Oxford.
October 11.

Clever Corby

From Mr Michael Dixon

Sir, Imagine my astonishment on discovering that two of the 50 winning contestants in Bamber Gascoigne's *Encyclopedia of Britain* quiz in association with *The Times* were drawn from Rodney Drive, in Corby, Northamptonshire, with the same postcode (details, October 6).

This represents 4 per cent of the winning entries from a sample that represents at best 0.000089 per cent of the population of the United Kingdom. Conversely, the Celtic fringes of our nation (Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland: total population, 9.5 million) could provide only one winning entry, which I am sad to say was not my own.

Yours quizzically,
M. P. DIXON,
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Wrexham, Clwyd.
October 9.

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COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
October 15: The Queen this morning arrived at Cardiff Central Station and drove through the Butetown Tunnel Link.

Her Majesty was received by the Chairman, South Glamorgan County Council (Mr Douglas Francies) and the Chairman, Highway and Transportation Services (Councillor Kenneth Hutchings) and unveiled a commemorative plaque, naming the Butetown Tunnel Link "Queen's Gate".

The Queen subsequently visited South Glamorgan County Hall and toured the building, escorted by Mr Francies.

Her Majesty afterwards opened the Huggard Centre, Tresillian Terrace, Cardiff, and was received by the Chairman, Cardiff Action for the Single Homeless (the Rev Douglas Bale) and Mrs Ethel Huggard (widow of the benefactor).

The Queen unveiled a commemorative plaque before touring the centre.

Her Majesty held an Investiture at Cardiff Castle this morning and was received by the Rt Hon the Lord Mayor of Cardiff (Councillor Victor Riley).

This afternoon The Queen arrived at the National Museum of Wales and inspected a Guard of Honour.

Her Majesty opened the new Courtyard Galleries Extension and unveiled a commemorative plaque.

Afterwards The Queen toured the new extension, escorted by the President (Mr Timothy Edwards), and subsequently honoured the President with her presence at Luncheon.

The Countess of Airlie, the Rt Hon John Redwood MP (Secretary of State for Wales), Mr Robin Janvrin, Mr Charles Anson, Lieutenant Colonel Blair Stewart-Wilson and Mr Simon Gimson were in attendance.

The Duke of Edinburgh this evening arrived at Heathrow Airport, London, from Canada.

Sir Brian McGrath was in attendance.

October 15: The Princess Royal, Patron, Adult Literacy and Basic Skills Unit, this morning attended the Annual General Meeting and Board of Management Meeting at Kingsbourne House, 229-231 High Holborn, London WC1.

Her Royal Highness, Chancellor, University of London, this afternoon opened the Student Hall of Residence, King's College, London, Hampstead Campus, Kidderpore Avenue, London NW3.

Lady Carew-Pole was in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
October 15: The Princess of Wales, Patron, Headway National Head Injuries Association, this morning attended the Head Injury Services Conference at St George's Hospital, Blackshaw Road, London SW17.

Mr Patrick Jephson was in attendance.

October 15: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, President, the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, today visited Swindon and was received by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for Wiltshire (Field Marshal Sir Roland Gibbs).

Her Royal Highness opened the Society's Centre in Victoria Road, and was entertained to luncheon at the Offices of the Nationwide Building Society in Pipers Way.

The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, later visited the Allied Dunbar Centre in Station Road, and the premises of the Rover Group in Bridgend Road.

Mrs. Jane Stevens was in attendance.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
October 15: The Duke of Kent, Vice-Chairman, the British Overseas Trade Board, this afternoon attended the Simpler Trade Procedures Board Lunch at the Café Royal, Regent Street, London W1.

Commander Roger Walker, RN was in attendance.

The Duchess of Kent, Patron, the Haemophilia Society, this morning opened the new Haemotology Unit at Bradford Royal Infirmary, Duckworth Lane, Bradford, and was met on arrival by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for West Yorkshire (Mr John Lyles).

Her Royal Highness this afternoon presented the British Wool Marketing Board's Annual British Wool Quality Awards at Oak Bank Mills, Station Road, Clayton, Bradford; on behalf of the Sick Children's Trust visited Eckersley House, St James's University Hospital, Leeds; on behalf of the Disabled Housing Trust later opened Daniel Yoranh House, Lands Lane, Garforth, Leeds.

Mrs Julian Tomkins was in attendance.

Royal engagements

TODAY: Prince Edward, as Chairman of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Special Projects Group, will attend a reception in support of the Centre d'Hardelot and meet participants in the Kent Post Office Youth Challenge at County Hall, Maidstone, at 4.40; and will attend the Kent Youth and Community Service staff awards at St George's Centre, Chatham Maritime, at 7.00.

TOMORROW: Princess Margaret will attend a service of dedication in Tewkesbury Abbey at 2.50 for the abbey appeal.

The Duchess of Gloucester, as Patron for the Association for Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus, will attend a concert at the Corn Exchange, Cambridge, at 7.20.

The Duchess of Kent, as Patron of the Norwich and Norfolk Festival, will attend the festival finale at St Andrews Hall, Norwich, at 3.25.

Service dinners

Southampton University RN Unit
Vice-Admiral Sir James Weatherall, Marshal of the Diplomatic Corps, was the guest of honour at a Trafalgar Night dinner held last night at Capella House, Southampton. Lieutenant Tony Radakin presided. Earl and Countess Jellicoe and Lady Weatherall were among those present.

The Green Howards
General Sir Peter Inge presided at the annual officers' dinner of The Green Howards (Alexandra, Princess of Wales's Own Yorkshire Regiment) held last night at the King's Head Hotel, Richmond, North Yorkshire.

The Royal Fusiliers
Major-General B.C. Webster, Chairman of The Royal Fusiliers Officers Club, presided at the annual dinner held last night at HM Tower of London.

19th Indian (Dagger) Division
Brigadier B.T.V. Cowey presided at the annual dinner of the 19th Indian (Dagger) Division Officers Association held last night at the Oriental Club. Major-General G.M.G. Swindells, Colonel, The 9th/12th Lancers, was the principal guest.

55 Squadron
The disbandment of 55 Squadron at RAF Marham was marked yesterday by a parade, flypast and ladies guest night. Wing Commander A.I.B. Beedie presided at the dinner and Air Chief Marshal Sir John Thomson, Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief Headquarter Strike Command, was the principal speaker.

Dinners

City of London Special Constabulary
Mr Paul Condon, Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police, and Sir Nicholas Lyell, QC, Attorney General, were the principal guests at the annual dinner of the City of London Special Constabulary held last night at Guildhall. Mr Julian Hurcombe-Blight, Chief Commandant, presided.

English-Speaking Union
Sir Anthony Parsons, President of the Exeter and East Devon branch of the English-Speaking Union, was the guest of honour and speaker at the ESU's conference opening dinner held last night at the Forte Crest Hotel, Exeter.

Mr Alan Cox, Chairman of the ESU National Committee for England and Wales, presided. Dr Jennifer Trusted, chairman of the South West region and chairman of the Exeter and East Devon branch, also spoke. Baroness Brigstocke, ESU chairman, Mr David Thorp, director-general, Mr and Mrs Cox, Dr Trusted and Mrs Valerie Mitchell, deputy director-general, received the guests.

Weekend birthdays

Today
Lord Adrian, 66; Mr Max Bygraves, entertainer, 71; Mr Paul Gallagher, trades unionist, 49; Mr John Grant, former MP, 61; Mr Gunter Grass, writer, 66; Mr W.W. Grave, former master, Fitzwilliam College, Cambridge, 92; Mr Terry Griffiths, snooker player, 46; Miss Angela Lansbury, actress, 68; Sir Peter Large, chairman, Joint Committee on Mobility for Disabled People, 62; Lord Macdonald of Gwaenysgor, 78; Lord MacLehose of Beoch, KT, 76; Mr Hugh MacMillan, chief constable, Northern Constabulary, 61; the Most Rev Thomas Morris, former Archbishop of Cashel and Emly, 79; the Rev Dr John Polkinghorne, president, Queen's College, Cambridge, 63.

Tomorrow
Mr Louis Benjamin, theatrical impresario, 71; Mr Stephen Bishop-Kovacevich, pianist, 53; Mr George Mackay Brown, author, 72; Mr Harry Carpenter, sports commentator, 68; Mr Jonathan Charkham, former Adviser to the Governor of the Bank of England, 63; Dr Alexander Cooke, physician, 94; the Earl of Dalhousie, KT, 79; Sir Denis Dobson, QC, 85; Lady (William) Fraser, chairman, Christian Aid, 61; Mr Alan Garner, author, 59; Lord Justice Ralph Gibson, 71; Sir Christopher Harding, former chairman, British Nuclear Fuels, 54; Mrs Ann Jones, tennis player, 55; Lord Kilbracken, 73; Mr Cameron Mackintosh, musical producer, 47; Mr Arthur Miller, playwright, 78; Mr Edwin Stevens, founder, Amplivox, 88; Mr B.D. Taylor, former chief executive, Glaxo Holdings, 58.

Emma Nicholson, MP, is 52 today; Peter Bowles, actor, is 57

Anniversaries

Today
BIRTHS: King James II of Scotland, reigned 1437-60, Holyrood, 1430; Albrecht Von Haller, botanist, anatomist and poet, Bern, 1708; Valentine Green, mezzotint engraver, Halesowen, 1739; Noah Webster, lexicographer, Hartford, Connecticut, 1758; Robert Stephenson, civil engineer, Willington Quay, Northumberland, 1803; Arnold Bocklin, painter, Basel, 1827; Oscar Wilde, writer, Dublin, 1854; David Ben-Gurion, 1st Prime Minister of Israel, 1948-53 and 1955-63, Plonsk, Poland, 1886; Michael Collins, Irish patriot, Clonakilty, Co Cork, 1890; Sir Austen Chamberlain, statesman, Nobel Peace laureate 1925, Birmingham, 1963; David Ben Gurion, 1st Prime Minister of Israel 1948-53 and 1955-63, Plonsk, Poland, 1886; Eugene O'Neill, dramatist, New York, 1888; Enver Hoxha, Albanian leader 1944-85, Gjinokaster, 1908.

DEATHS: Luca Signorelli, painter, Cortona, Italy, 1523; Hugh Latimer and Nicholas Ridley, Bishops, Protestant reformers, burnt at the stake, Oxford, 1555; Akbar I, the Great, Mughal Emperor of India 1556-1605, Agra, 1605; Ralph Thoresby, antiquary, 1725; Robert Fergusson, poet, Edinburgh, 1774; Marie Antoinette, Queen of France, guillotined, Paris, 1793; John Hunter, anatomist and surgeon, London, 1793; Joseph Strutt, antiquary, London, 1802; Henry Martyn, missionary, Tokat, Turkey, 1812; Sir Granville Bantock, composer, London, 1946; Liaquat Ali Khan, 1st Prime Minister of Pakistan 1947-51, assassinated, Rawalpindi, West Punjab, 1951; George Marshall, general, formulated Marshall Aid, Nobel Peace laureate 1953, Washington, 1959.

Napoleon Bonaparte arrived at St Helena to be imprisoned there for life, 1815.

The House of Commons was burned down, 1834.

The first aeroplane flight in England was made by Samuel Cody, at Farnborough, 1908.

German war criminals were hanged at Nuremberg, 1946.

Cardinal Karl Wojtyla, Archbishop of Cracow, became Pope with the name of John Paul II, 1978.

Tomorrow
BIRTHS: John Wilkes, political reformer, London, 1727; Claude Henri, Comte de St-Simon, pioneer of socialism in France, Paris, 1760; Georg Büchner, dramatist, Goddelau, Germany, 1813; Nathanael West, novelist, New York, 1903; Rita Hayworth, actress, New York, 1918.

DEATHS: Sir Philip Sidney, soldier and poet, Zutphen, Netherlands, 1586; Ninon de Lenclos, courtesan, Paris, 1705; René Réamur, scientist, St-Julien-du-Terroux, 1757; John Ward, biographer, London, 1758; George Colman the Younger, actor, Kensington, 1836; Frédéric Chopin, composer, Paris, 1849; Gustav Robert Kirchoff, physicist, Berlin, 1887; Patrice MacMahon, President of France 1873-79, Château La Forêt, 1890; Julia Howe, feminist, writer and reformer, Newport, Rhode Island, 1910; Sir Michael Balcon, film producer, Hartfield, Sussex, 1977; S.J. Perelman, humourist, 1979.

A steel-making process was patented by Sir Harry Bessemer, 1855.

The Queen opened Calder Hall, Britain's first nuclear power station, 1956.

RAF Cranwell

Air Commodore B C Laite, RAF, Assistant Commandant of the Royal Air Force College Cranwell, was the reviewing officer at the graduation of 20 officers of No 147R Initial Officer Training Entry and No 253 Specialist Entrant and Re-entrant Course from the Royal Air Force College Cranwell on October 7.

General Duties Branch - Pilot
Flying Officer N M B Cogley.
Acting Pilot Officers: P A Clarke, I E Daunter, P N Hale, C C Redfern, B Wilson.

General Duties Branch - Navigator
Flying Officer J E Mackereth

General Duties (Ground) Branch - Air Traffic Control
Flying Officer S Higton, WRAF, Pilot Officer N W J Lambton

General Duties (Ground) Branch - Fighter Control
Flying Officers: J Disley, WRAF, N J Harmer, D L Jones, S M Western, WRAF. Acting Pilot Officer S D Bartlett

Engineer Branch
Flying Officer J S Warkin

Supply Branch
Acting Pilot Officer J C Doncaster

Administrative Branch - Secretarial
Flying Officers: E M M Doyle, M Heap, WRAF. Acting Pilot Officer T J Dobbing

Administrative Branch - Education
Flying Officer G J Armitage

General Duties (Ground) Branch - Fighter Control
Flight Lieutenant M A Parrott

Medical Branch
Squadron Leader Alison Amos. Flight Lieutenants: Nicole H Cartlidge, J R Greig, Janet A Hastie, G Hocking, P R Hughes, Dionne S Nash, Sabina D Sareen, Kathryn G Spencer, M Williams, R D J Withnall

Princess Mary's Royal Air Force Nursing Service
Flight Lieutenant L A Lockton. Flying Officers: R J Harrison, E R Spence

Chaplain's Branch
The Rev (Flight Lieutenant) J C Hetherington

Prize-winners
Specialist Entrant Prize: Flying Officer R J Harrison
Daedalus Trophy: Pilot Officer N W J Lambton
Coire Na Ciste Trophy: Flying Officer N M B Cogley

Memorial service

Miss Patricia Lawrence
A service of thanksgiving for the life and work of Miss Patricia Lawrence (Mrs Greville Poke) was held yesterday at St Paul's, Covent Garden. The Rev Derek Watson officiated. Mr William Corlett read the lesson, Mr Christopher Poke, son, read from his mother's works, Mr Timothy West from the works of Mr Michael Frayn and Mr Desmond Barrit from the works of Billy Bennett. Miss Prunella Scales, Miss Jean Anderson, Miss Ann Bell, Miss Stephanie Cole and Miss Veronica Roberts gave addresses.

Students from the London Academy of Music and Dramatic Art, conducted by Miss Jennifer Tatam, sang *Lullay my Liking* by Mr James Poke, son. Mr David Kernan sang Noel Coward's *Come the Wild, Wild Weather*, accompanied by Mr Jason Carr, piano, and Mr Otmar Binder, piano, played Fats Waller's *Honeysuckle Rose*. Icebreaker, led by Mr James Poke, played an excerpt from *Think Slow, Act Fast* by Mr Michael Nyman.

University news

London
Royal Free Hospital School of Medicine
Appointments
Dr John Moorhead to be Professor of Renal Medicine.
Dr H. Grant Prentice to be Professor of Haematological Oncology.
Dr Lorna Secker-Walker to be Professor of Cancer Cytogenetics.

Appointments

John Everard to be ambassador to the republic of Belarus in succession to Sir Brian Fall who continues as ambassador at Moscow.

Michael F O'Brien, Minister Counsellor for Public Affairs at the American Embassy, to be a member of the United States-United Kingdom Fulbright Commission.

Latest wills

Professor Rhydwyn Harding Evans, of Bridgend, Mid Glamorgan, formerly of Pontliliw, Emeritus Professor of Civil Engineering at Leeds University, left estate valued at £135,511 net.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr K. Booth and Miss R.C. Goodman
The engagement is announced between Kevin, son of Mr and Mrs W. Booth, of Newcastle upon Tyne, and Rachel, daughter of Mr and Mrs D. Goodman, of Oswaldkirk, York.

Mr C.J.S. Cormack and Miss L.J. Johnstone
The engagement is announced between Charles James Stuart, eldest son of Mr Patrick Cormack, MP, and Mrs Cormack, and Linda Jean, youngest daughter of Mr James Johnstone and Mrs Janet Young.

Mr C.M. Hayward and Miss A.E. Carter
The engagement is announced between Christopher Michael, only son of Mr and Mrs Peter Hayward, of Poole, Dorset, and Alexandra Elizabeth, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Ivan Carter, of Chorleywood, Hertfordshire.

Mr I.T.R. Patrick and Miss C.A. Clifford-Jones
The engagement is announced between Iain, son of the late Mr Victor Patrick and of Mrs Beth Patrick, of Battersea, London, and Clare, daughter of Mr and Mrs Neville Clifford-Jones, of Ockley, Surrey.

Mr R.J. Severn and Miss Z.P.A. Hanbury
The engagement is announced between Ross Joseph, only son of Mr Joseph Severn and the late Mrs Jill (Jackie) Severn, formerly of Tiptrees House, Sunningdale, Berkshire, and Zahra Patricia Anne, eldest daughter of Major and Mrs Christopher Hanbury, of Lovelocks House, Shefford Woodlands, Hungerford, Berkshire.

Mr A.D. Waring and Miss F.R. Gilbert
The engagement is announced between Andrew, elder son of Mr and Mrs Tony Waring, of Blundellsands, Liverpool, and Fiona, elder daughter of Brigadier and Mrs Stephen Gilbert, of Ely, Cambridgeshire.

Marriage

Mr M.J. Cathcart and Dr J.L. Warren
The marriage took place in Melbourne, Australia, on October 8, 1993, between Mr Michael Cathcart, MA, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Cathcart, of Melbourne, and Dr Jane Warren, PhD (Oxon), only daughter of Mr and Mrs Martin Warren, of Eaton, Norwich.

New officers

Holborn Law Society
The following have been elected officers of the Holborn Law Society for the ensuing year:
President, Mr J.H. Lewis; Vice-Presidents, Mr A.F. Whitehead and Mr G.A. Hill; Honorary Treasurer, Mr W.J. Furber; Joint Honorary Secretaries, Mr J.M. Davies and Mr U.W. Bankes.

Constructors' Company
The following have been installed officers of the Constructors' Company for the ensuing year: Master, Mr P.M.R. Olley; Senior Warden, Mr D.C. Blackburn; Middle Warden, Mr P.A. Everett; Renter Warden, Mr R.V. Wharton; Junior Warden, Mr P.J. Heath.

Carriers' Company
The following have been elected officers of the Carriers' Company: Master, Sir Frank Sanderson; Upper Warden, Mr I.R. McNeil; Renter Warden, Mr R.J. Seabrook; Junior Warden, Mr P.D. MacCorkindale.

Church services for tomorrow

Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity

CANTERBURY CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 9.30 M; 11 S Euch, Missa super Cerva fortiter (Lessus), God which hast prepared (Mudd), The Precention; 3.15 E, Responses (Tomkins), Chichester Service (Walton), Strengthen ye the week hands (Harris); 6 Organ recital, David Titterington.

CARLISLE CATHEDRAL: 10.30 S Euch, Dies sind die heil'gen seh Geboi (Bach), Aeternia Christi Munera (Palestrina), Ave verum corpus (Byrd), Final from 1st symphony (Vierne), Canon Rex Chapman; 3 E; 6.30 E with Choir at Holy Trinity, Carlisle, Locus iste (Bruckner), Responses (Reading), Brewer in D; Hall, gladdening light (Wood), Fugue in E flat (Bach); 6.30 NP, Canon David Jenkins.

CHELMSFORD CATHEDRAL: 7.30 MP; 8 HC; 9.30 Parish Communion, The Vice Provost; 11.15 S Euch, Be still, my soul (Whitlock), Missa Brevis (Palestrina), Agnus dei, Canon Barry Thompson; 4 Baptism; 6 Choral E, Responses (Morley), Canticles: The Chichester Service (Walton), Hall gladdening light (Wood), Canon Paul Brett.

CHESTER CATHEDRAL: 7.45 Litany (St Erasmus Chapel); 8 HC; 10 Annual Legal Service, Te Deum (Dyson in F), Benedictus, The Dean; 11.30 Choral Euch, Litany to the Holy Spirit (Eurford), Phrygian Mode (Wood), Amen (Naylor); 3.30 Choral E, Responses (Reading), Harwood in A flat, Holy is the true light (Shephard), Amen (Naylor), Voluntary: Allegro Maestoso (Elgar Sonata in G); 6.30 E, Canon Peter Cook.

COVENTRY CATHEDRAL: 7.40 MP (Gethsemane Chapel); 8 Communion (Lady Chapel); 10.30 Cathedral Euch, Ireland in C, God be in my head (Kitson), O taste and see (Goss), will not leave you comfortless (Byrd), Canon Eric James; 5.30 E with Chapter House Choir, Hall gladdening light (Wood), Responses (Reading), Stainer in E flat, O Lord the maker (Joubert).

DURHAM CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 10 M, Britten in E & E flat, Never weather-beaten sail (Campion), Canon Hodgson; 11.15 HC, Missa Brevis (Berkeley), Crucifixus etiam pro nobis (Lotti), Canon Perry; 3.30 E, Purcell in B flat, Lord, let me know mine end (Greene), Voluntary: Prelude & Fugue in F sharp minor (Buxtehude); 6.30 Durham School Evensong.

ELY CATHEDRAL: 8.15 HC; 10.30 S Euch, Messe Solennelle (Vierne), Ad te levavi oculos (Van Nuffel), Organ: Final from Symphony No 3 (Vierne), The Dean; 3.45 E, Preces (Moore), Bairstow in G, How lovely are the messengers (Mendelssohn), Organ: Scherzo (Bairstow).

LEICESTER CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 10 MP; 10.30 S Euch, Leighton in D, May the grace of Christ our Savious (Moran), Rev Anthony Robinson; 4 Choral E, Responses (Gray), Bairstow in E flat, To the name that brings salvation (Anon).

LINCOLN CATHEDRAL: 7.45 Litany; 8 HC; 9.30 S Euch, Messe Cum jubilo (Duruflé), Rev Phillip Seddon; 11.15 M, Responses (Byrd), Short Service (Gibbons), A grateful heart (Plummond), The Subdean; 12.30 HC; 3.45 E, Responses (Reading), Purcell in G minor, Great Lord of lords (Gibbons), Fantasia & Fugue in G minor (Bach).

LICHFIELD CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 10.30 S Euch, Collegium Regale (Howells), Jubilate (Howells) Beati quorum via (Stanford), The Treasurer; 3.30 E, Responses (Rose), Collegium Regale (Howells), O clap your hands (Vaughan Williams).

LLANDAFF CATHEDRAL: 7.30 M & Litany; 8 Holy Euch, Rev J F Redvers Harris; 9 Parish Euch, Rev J F Redvers Harris; 11 S Euch, Collegium Regale (Howells), Be strong and of a good courage (Dyson), Rev D Richards, Canon in Residence; 12.15 Holy Euch (Lady Chapel); 3.30 Lions Club International District: A service of thanksgiving for opportunities to serve the community, Stanford in B flat (Magnificat), Strengthen ye the weak hands (Harris), The Lord Bishop; 6.30 Parish E & Sermon, Rev S P Kirk.

MANCHESTER CATHEDRAL: 8.45 MP; 9 HC; 10.30 S Euch, Ireland in C, The Archdeacon of Manchester; 6.30 E, Nicholson in D flat, The Archdeacon of Manchester.

TRURO CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 9 M, The Dean; 10 S Euch, Father Eternal (Shepherd), Sumsion in F, Hear O my Lord (Whitlock), Voluntary: Triumphal March (Elgar), The Archdean of Bodmin; 3 Royal Cornwell Agricultural Association Bicentenary Harvest Thanksgiving service; 6 E, Responses (Sanders), Brewer in D, Thou visitest the earth (Greene), Voluntary: Prelude, Fugue & Variation (Franck), The Deacon.

WELLS CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 9.45 S Euch, Mass in G minor (Vaughan Williams), O taste and see (Vaughan Williams), Rt Rev J L Thompson, The Bishop; 11.30 M, Ireland in F, Glorious and powerful God (Stanford); 3 E, Show to God art praise (Sion (Malcolm Boyle), Preb C J B Marshall; 6.30 United Service: Wookey Hole.

WESTMINSTER ABBEY: 8 HC; 10 M, Responses (Aylewood), Ireland in F, Teach me, O Lord (Byrd), Bernard Cartwright; 11.15 Abbey Euch, Collegium Regale (Howells), Le my prayer (Harris), O Savious of the world (Howells), The Dean; 3 E, Dyson in D, And I saw a new heaven (Bainton), Canon Colin Semper; 5.45 Organ recital, Matthew Morley; 6.30 ES, Canon Donald Gray.

WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL: 7.30, 9, 12, 5.30 & 7 Mass; 10.30 SM, Mass (Stravinsky), The Lord is my shepherd (Berkeley), Tantum ergo (Duruflé), Passacaglia & Fugue in C minor (Bach), 10 MP; 2.30 Organ recital, Adrian Partington; 3.30 Solemn V & B, Magnificat octavi toni (Morales), O salutaris hostia (Tallis), Vater unser im Himmelreich (Bach).

YORK MINSTER: 8 & 8.45 HC; 10 S Euch, E Messe (Langlais), O sacrum convivium (Messiaen), The Vicar; 6 E & B, The Gloucester Service (Howells), And I saw a new heaven (Bairnton), Rev C L Geake.

ALL SOULS, Langham Place, W1: 11 with All Souls Orchestra, Rev John Stott; 6.30 Pastor Paul Negrut, Romania.

AMERICAN CHURCH IN LONDON, Tottenham Court Rd, W1: 9.45 Sunday School; 11 Worship, Rev James Schmidt.

THE ASSUMPTION, Warwick Street, W1: 11 Missa quinti toni (Lassus), Afferentur regi (Bruckner), Salve Regina (Poulenc).

CHELSEA OLD CHURCH, SW3: 8 HC; 10 Children's Service; 11 M, The day draws on (Bairstow), Rev P Elvy; 12.15 HC; 6 E, Examine me (Boyce), Rev P Elvy.

CROWN COURT CHURCH OF SCOTLAND, Covent Garden, WC2: 11.15 & 6.30 Rev Stanley Hood.

FARM STREET, W1: 7.30, 8.30, 10, 12.15, 4.15, 6.15 LM; 11 HM.

HOLY TRINITY BROMPTON, Brompton Road, SW7: 9 HC, Rev Tom Gillum; 11 Informal Service (Creche & Children's Church), Rev Nicholas Gumbel; 6.30 Informal Service, Rev Sandy Millar.

THE ORATORY, Brompton Road, SW7: 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 Mass, Missa Lauda Sion (Palestrina), Ave Maria (Brahms), 12.30, 4.30, 7; 3.30 V & B, Ave vera virginitas (Josquin).

ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL OF THE DIVINE WISDOM, Moscow Road, W2: 9.30 M; 11 Divine Liturgy, Byzantine chant and choral music sung in Greek.

WESLEY'S CHAPEL City Road, EC2: Commemoration service to mark centenary of the birth of Rev Dr Leslie Weatherhead. 9.45 HC; 11 MS with choir of Farringtons School, Rev Paul Hulme & Colin M Morris.

WESTMINSTER CENTRAL HALL (Methodist), SW1: 11 Rev Brian Beck, Methodist President; 6.30 Rev R John Tudor.

ST ANNE AND ST AGNES (Lutheran), Gresham St, EC2: 11 Choral HC, Rev David Atkinson; 7 Bach Vespers, Cantata No 48 Ich elender Mensch, wer wird mich erlosen (Bach), Oboe Concerto in D minor (Marcello), Motet Herr sei mir gnadig (Bach), Rev Ronald T Englund.

ST BARTHOLOMEW THE GREAT, Smithfield, EC1: 9 HC; 11 M & HC, Responses (Tomkins), Short Service (Weelkes), O how amiable are Thy dwellings (Weelkes); 6.30 Choral Euch, Short Communion Service, May the grace of Christ (Brockless), Dom Anselm Hughes.

ST BRIDE'S, Fleet Street, EC4: 11 Choral M & Euch, Jubilate (Jackson in G), Brief four part mass, Tantum ergo (Duruflé), Canon John Oates; 6.30 Choral E, Responses (Clucas), Canticles (Dyson in F), Like as the hart (Howells), Guild Chaplain Wallace Boulton.

ST CLEMENT DANES: 9 HC; 11 Choral Euch, Mass for five voices (Byrd), Like as the hart (Howells), Rev David Mackenzie.

ST COLUMBA'S CHURCH OF SCOTLAND, Pont Street, SW1: 11 Rev John H McIndoe; 6.30 The Psalms in Worship.

ST GEORGE'S, Hanover Square, W1: 8.30 HC; 11 S Euch, Rheinberger in E flat, Ave Maria (Bruckner), The Rector.

ST JAMES'S, Sussex Gardens, W2: 8 HC; 10.30 S Euch, Missa Quaeramus cum Pastoribus (Morales), Nolo mortem peccatoris (Mundy), Rev Bill Wilson; 6 Choral E, Gibbons Short Service, I will lift up my eyes (Howells), Rev Bill Wilson.

ST LUKE'S, Chelsea, SW3: Parronal Festival 8 & 12.15 HC; 10.30 S Euch, Missa de Angelis, Thou shalt make them princess (Filsell), Te Deum (Demessieux), Rev Gerald Beauchamp; 6.30 Choral E, Faire is the heaven (Harris), Voluntary: Facem (Howells), Rev Derek Watson.

ST MARK'S, Regents Park Rd, NW1: 8 HC; 10 Family C, 11 S Euch, Schubert in G, For the beauty of the earth (Rutter), Rev David Jones.

ST MARGARET'S, Westminster, SW1: 11 S Euch, Mass Euge bone (Tye), O come ye servants, Rev Jeremy Caddick.

ST MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS, WC2: 8 HC; 9.45 Euch, Rev John Pridmore; 11.30 Visitors to London Service, Rev Bernhard Schunemann; 12.30 HC; 2.45 Chinese Service, Rev Dr Joyce Bennett; 5 Choral E; 6.30 ES, Rev John Pridmore.

ST MARY'S, Bourne Street, SW1: 9, 9.45, 7; 11 HM, Missa brevis (Gabrieli), Fr Bill Scott; 6 Solemn E & B.

ST MARY-THE-VIRGIN, Primrose Hill: 8 HC; 10.30 Parish Euch, Leighton in D, The Vicar; 6 Tiaze.

ST MARYLEBONE, Marylebone Road, W1: 8 HC; 11 Choral Euch, Missa Simile est Regnum (Guerrero), He that shall endure to the end (Mendelssohn), Rev Peter Wells.

ST MICHAEL'S, Cornhill, EC3: 11 Choral M, Harwood in A flat, O sacrum convivium (Vann).

ST PAUL'S, Wilton Place, SW1: 8 & 9 HC; 11 Solemn Euch, Missa O quam gloriosum (Vittoria), And I saw a new heaven (Bairnton), O quam gloriosum (Vittoria), Rev Henry Ruschmeyer.

ST PETER'S, Eaton Square, SW1: 8.15 HC; 10 Family Euch; 11 S Euch, Missa Super Befia Amfitrit'Altera (Lassus), Jesu, grant me this I pray (Bairstow), Rev Desmond Tillyer.

ST STEPHEN'S, Gloucester Road, SW7: 8 & 9 LM; 11 SM, Messe Basse (Faure), Tantum Ergo (Faure), Cantique de Jean Racine (Faure), Canon Christopher Colven; 6 EP & B.

CHAPEL ROYAL OF ST PETER AD VINCULA, HM Tower of London: 9.15 HC; 11 M & Sermon, Responses (Aylward), Te Deum, Jubilate (Walton), A Litany (Walton), Canon J G M W Murphy.

CHAPEL ROYAL, St. James's Palace: 8.30 HC; 11.15 MP, Let the bright Seraphim (Handel), The Bishop of Chelmsford.

CHAPEL ROYAL, Hampton Court Palace: 8.30 HC; 11 M, Sumsion in G, Laetentur coeli (Byrd); 3.30 E, Miserere mei (Byrd), Short Service (Gibbons), In exitu Israel (Wesley).

GROSVENOR CHAPEL, South Audley Street, W1: 11 S Euch, Missa Brevis (Berkeley), God is our refuge (Harvey), O taste and see (Vaughan-Williams), Prelude on martyrs (Harvey Grace), Fr C Lowe CR.

QUEEN'S CHAPEL OF THE SAVOY, WC2: 11 S Euch, Collegium Regale (Howells), Rev Andrew Henderson.

THE TEMPLE CHURCH, Fleet Street: 8.30 HC; 11.15 MP, I asked for peace (Caesar), Responses (Thalben Ball), Te Deum Laudamus (Alcock in B flat), Jubilate Deo (Walford Davies in G flat), Immane et vanae curae (Haydn), Voluntary: Sonata No 3 in A (Mendelssohn), Rev Canon Joseph Robinson.

GUARDS CHAPEL, Wellington Barracks, SW1: 11 M, Hide not Thou Thy face (Farrant), Te Deum, Hear my prayer, O Lord (Purcell), Voluntary: March & Procession of Bacchus (Dellbes), Rev Neville Thomas, Band of The Welsh Guards; 12 HC.

ROYAL NAVAL COLLEGE CHAPEL, Greenwich, SE10: 11 S Euch, Crossing the bar (Parry), Let us now praise famous men (Vaughan Williams), Rev B Watson OBE, RN.

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It is fitting to praise you in Zion, God; vows should be paid to you. Hearer of prayer, to you everyone should come.
Psalm 65 : 1.2. (REB)

BIRTHS

ALEXANDER - On Wednesday 6th October, to Juliet (née Allen) and Stuart, a daughter, Dominique Eloise.

BETTS - See Dawson.

CORRIGAN - On October 13th at the Portland Hospital to Kevin and Candace, a beautiful son, Ryan Michael, a brother for Daniel.

DAWSON - On September 20th 1993 in Berkeley, California, to Christina (née Beffis) and Peter, a son, Adam Charles Merrick, a brother for Miles.

DAWSON - On October 13th at The Portland Hospital to Valerie (née Braddell) and Peter, a much prayed for and beautiful daughter, Gabriella Braddell.

HARVES - On 2nd October to Emma and Jeremy, a son, Oscar Edward Bancroft, a brother for Phoebe and Louis.

HEANEY - On October 8th, to Sarah (née Sharland) and Mark, a daughter, Maddison, a sister for Frederica.

JOHNSON - On October 6th, to Ruth (née Quickl and Tom, a daughter, Grace Elizabeth Hope, a sister for Alexander, Oliver and Ralph.

MAZE - On October 10th 1993 to Janice (née Thomson) and Andrew a son Jordan William John

PAMPUS - On October 12th at The Wellington Hospital, to Kimiko and Dieter, a precious daughter, Mina Annabella.

BIRTHS

RICHARDSON - On October 12th at The Wellington Hospital, to Francesca (née Hamilton) and Phillip, a beautiful daughter, Stephanie, a sister for Mark and James.

SIMPSON - On October 13th 1993, at 9.27pm, to Clive and Lorraine, a son, Ryan Peter George.

TUDOR - On October 12th, to Hermione (née Rushworth-Lund) and Nick, a daughter, Daisy Rocio

WHITFIELD - Robert and Liza are pleased to announce the October 2nd arrival of their beautiful 9lbs 7oz daughter Chase Lily at Queen Charlotte's Hospital, London.

WOLTON - On October 14th 1993 to Joanna (née Payne) and Peter, a son Hugh Cordy.

MARRIAGES

TRACE:MILMORE - The marriage took place on Saturday October 2nd at St Bartholomew's Church, New York, of Michael Brian Trace, son of Mrs A.F. Trace and the late Mr P.A. Trace of Holland Park, London to Leighann Jayne Milmore, daughter of Mr and Mrs W. Milmore of Glenfield, Leicester.

YILMAZ-WILLINK - On October 10th 1993 at Hisardnü, Turkey: Nurettin Yilmaz to Priscilla, younger daughter of Mr & Mrs W Willink of Burton-in-Kendal, Cumbria.

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARIES

BOYLE - John and Mary, 16th October 1943.

CARPENTER-BURROWS - Philip to Winifred on October 16th 1943 in Northampton. Congratulations on fifty happy years from Anthony, Stephen and families.

DEATHS

BREEDEN - On 13th October 1993, David Lucas Breeden aged 76 years died peacefully at home after a long illness. Beloved husband of June and much loved father of Piera Sue and Peter. Private cremation, family flowers only.

CRITCHLEY - On October 13th, John Reginald, aged 80, dearly loved husband of Margaret. At peace and with dignity at his home in France. A Service of Thanksgiving will be arranged later

FAULL - (née Lamprey) Anne Laurette on October 13th peacefully in hospital after a long illness. Much loved mother of John. Funeral Tuesday 19th at 3 pm at Westonzoyland Parish Church. Flowers to J E. Gilbert and Son, 139 St. John Street, Bridgwater.

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OBITUARIES

WILLIAM COATES

William A. Coates, MBE, Senior Experimental Officer and later Clothworkers' Lecturer at the Royal Institution, died on October 7 aged 73. He was born in London on November 7, 1919.

WILLIAM COATES (universally known as Bill) was one of those talented, energetic, yet at the same time idiosyncratic individuals, without whose dedication such a small (and, it has to be said, also somewhat idiosyncratic) organisation as the Royal Institution would never have survived.

His face and tall, spare figure will form part of the memories of thousands, if not millions, of young people who attended the famous lecture-demonstrations at the Royal Institution from the 1950s until only a year or two ago.

From 1966 onwards he became even better known through the medium of television after the Christmas lectures became a regular feature on BBC2.

Coates's official label as Senior Experimental Officer or (following a generous benefaction from the Clothworkers' Company) as Clothworkers' Lecturer and Lectures Superintendent, did small justice to the job which he made his own over nearly 40 years' service, from the date of Sir Lawrence Bragg's appointment as Resident Professor right up to the present time — for he never really retired.

Coates's task was to mount, and frequently to devise, demonstration experiments that could be carried out by a lecturer in front of an audience of several hundred, to illustrate important principles of chemistry and physics. His work was beautifully captured in a painting by Terence Cuneo that hangs in the Long Library of the Royal Institution, showing him assisting Sir Lawrence Bragg to make spectacular sparks from a Wimshurst machine in front of a capacity audience of teenagers. (Since the era in question is the 1950s, the present director is probably one of those teenagers.)

William Albert Coates was educated at Shoreditch Grammar School and studied physics and electrical engineering at Newport and London polytechnics. He had an exciting and distinguished war career in The Parachute Regiment, tales of which would often be re-told to the smaller audience of graduate students and research fellows of the Davy Faraday Laboratory over morning coffee.

Before he came to the Royal Institution in 1948, he worked first as a Technical Assistant at the Charing Cross Hospital Medical School. Towards the end of his career, when finally persuaded to be relieved of the day-to-day task of organising experiments that formed part of lectures given by others, he took up occasional lecturing himself, captivating audiences, especially of primary school children, with electrical demonstrations. In 1989 he was appointed to the schools' liaison office of Imperial College, where he offered invaluable advice and assistance with lecture demonstrations given at the college and in many places overseas.

From his time in the Army came a remarkable ability to make something out of nothing: simple pieces of equipment that demonstrated some physical principle with elegance and clarity.

British science owes *Bill* Coates a considerable debt. He was awarded the Bragg Medal and Prize by the Institute of Physics in 1975 and appointed MBE in 1980.

THE obituary of E A. Nicoll (October 15) wrongly gave his Christian name as "Edward". It was, in fact, "Ernest" — though he was also known, to his family and friends, as "Nick".

PROFESSOR PETER JAMES

Professor Peter James, VRD, Emeritus Professor of Dental Health at the University of Birmingham, died on September 30 aged 71. He was born on April 2, 1922.

WHEN the National Health Service started in 1948 the concept of improving the dental health of the nation by the prevention of dental disease was hardly considered. Instead, the emphasis was overwhelmingly placed on the treatment of dental disease in the individual, for which, it must be said, there was an urgent need. Peter James was one of the handful of pioneers dedicated to the ideal of prevention, and particularly to prevention through an adequate management and organisation of the community health services.

Peter Maunde Coram James was born in London, the only son of a general medical practitioner. He was educated at Westminster School and at the University of London, qualifying in dentistry from the Royal Dental Hospital. After working in various clinical posts in that hospital he served for three years with the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve as a surgeon lieutenant (D). He then made the decision which was to shape his future, and that of many others, to pursue a career in public health and preventive dentistry. As a first step to this end he joined a postgraduate course at the University of Dundee, at that time the only institution offering a programme in this subject.

After graduation from Dundee, James joined the clinical academic staff of the Institute of Dental Surgery in London, and eventually became Reader in Children's and Preventive Dentistry, and Assistant Dean of his Alma Mater, the Royal Dental Hospital. At that time the major emphasis in dental care was still on the treatment of disease. The relatively small amount of attention paid to the prevention of disease was mainly focused on children, the logic being that preventive measures have their main impact on the young. There was still very little being done at a community or public health level. James was about to make his move to remedy that state of affairs.

He was appointed to the chair of Dental Health at the University of Birmingham in 1966, the first such appointment in that establishment. He immediately began work to develop and implement the introduction of postgraduate courses in community dental health, and saw his efforts bear fruit with the establishment of a most successful degree course, through which passed many of today's senior home and overseas experts in that speciality. He was also active in research, his main interest being epidemiological studies of dental disease and its prevention. It is fair to say that his work was of major influence in the decision to flouridate some public water supplies in the United Kingdom, a measure which he consistently advocated and supported.

A tireless committee worker, James was inevitably appointed to numerous local and national bodies related to his interests. He was director of the Birmingham Dental School from 1978 to 1982, and, among many other responsibilities, consultant adviser in community dentistry to the then Department of Health and Social Security. But the appointment which probably gave him most satisfaction was that of chairman of the Specialist Advisory Committee in Community Dental Health. In this capacity he was finally able to see the establishment of his own subject as an accepted speciality in the National Health Service. He was also influential in the formation of a new learned society, the British Association for the Study of Community Dentistry, of which he was founder president. For the last nine years of his life he edited and guided the development of that society's international journal.

Peter James was a quiet but gregarious man, who enjoyed the company of his many friends. He loved a party and could usually be relied upon to enliven any gathering with selections from his fund of amusing experiences. At the same time he enjoyed the simpler pleasures of life, a walk along the canal with his grandchildren or any of his many visits to the Scilly Isles being among the highlights of his leisure.

He maintained his connections with the RNVR and was awarded the Volunteer Reserve Decoration in 1964.

A dedicated family man, Peter James is survived by his wife Denise, and by their four sons.

JOHN BINDON

John Bindon, actor, died of cancer on October 10 aged 50. He was born on October 4, 1943.

ALTHOUGH he played in a number of films — and at one time featured in such TV series as *Minder*, *The Sweeney* and *Softly Softly* — John Bindon owed his basic fame to the newspaper gossip columnists, by whom he was invariably portrayed as the fashionable world's favourite "bit of rough". A villain in real life, as he was mostly on the screen, Bindon attracted enough *louche* legends to prove irresistible to the likes of Paul Slickey. His special appeal lay in the combination he offered of low and high life.

No stranger to Her Majesty's prisons — he was sent to Borstal at 17 and later served a total of seven years in jail (mainly for bodily harm and assault) — Bindon was in essence a 1960s' creation. His first break came when he was spotted in a pub by the cinema and TV director Ken Loach, then preparing to make the 1967 film *Poor Cow* from the Nell Dunn novel of the same title. To Loach he seemed "absolutely right" to play the part of a criminal who knocked his wife about and he duly appeared in what became a vogue movie, starring alongside more experienced performers such as Carol White and Terence Stamp. It was the beginning of an acting career that, for a time, brought him as much celebrity as his private life did notoriety.

It was in the wake of the film's release — and while being courted for other movie roles — that he met the much-publicised model Vicki Hodge who provided him with his entrance ticket to Vanity Fair. She was said to have taken him twice to Mustique where, although not the guest of Princess Margaret, he always claimed to have met and charmed her. Like many of the stories attached to his name — the most famous of which concerned an anatomical trick with five half-pint beer mugs — *the account of the Princess* having come upon him naked on the beach probably deserves to be taken with a pinch of salt.

Not that Bindon himself was ever particularly reticent in matters of display. When, in the early 1970s, Lord Longford was conducting his enquiry into pornography, it was Bindon's idea of a joke publicly to expose himself to him in King's Road, Chelsea.

John Dennis Arthur Bindon was the son of a taxi-driver and was brought up in what was then working-class Pulham. He claimed to have worked for a time as a stevedore — though that may have been merely part of the development of his "tough guy" image.

In 1979 he stood trial for murder at the Old Bailey in what was presented by the prosecution as a gangland stabbing. Thanks partly to a helpful summing-up by the judge, Mr Justice Mars-Jones, Bindon — who had returned from Dublin to turn himself in — was acquitted on the ground of self-defence. The episode did not, however, help his acting career and after it *there was a marked reluctance* to offer him parts.

In any event, Bindon — whose relationship with Vicki Hodge broke up in 1981 after 12 turbulent years — was soon in trouble again. In 1982 he was fined £100 for threatening a law student with a piece of concrete he had ripped from a pavement; two years later he was sentenced to two months jail for brandishing a carving-knife at a detective constable (the sentence was later suspended on appeal); and in 1987 he was given another suspended sentence (this time of six months) and fined £250 for carrying an offensive weapon.

By the end, all that was left of Bindon's glory days was the small flat in Chesham Mews, Belgravia, which he had acquired in more prosperous times. He never married, though he was reported to have had a daughter by a previous liaison to that with Vicki Hodge.

WINIFRED WHITE

Winifred "Wendy" White, MBE, of the Government Communications Headquarters (GCHQ), Cheltenham, died on September 8 aged 95. She was born on November 3, 1897.

WENDY WHITE was one of the first women to enter the veiled world of British Intelligence and lived to become the oldest former employee of GCHQ. Yet she joined the world's second oldest profession as a shorthand typist before her aptitude for cryptography was discovered.

Born in Ealing, West London, she was one of five children whose father died before the turn of the century, when Wendy was only a young child. She started work as a secretary in Military Intelligence at the War Office early in the first world war.

One of her earliest memories was of hurrying round a corner in one of the corridors of power and bumping, quite literally, into Lloyd George — who was fortunately not averse to having pretty young girls landing in his arms.

In 1919 she was one of those retained when the military and naval cipher sections were merged and continued working there throughout the 1920s. She had come to the attention of her superiors, however, as someone who was capable of higher things and she subsequently switched to becoming a technical officer herself.

During the late 1930s and the opening years of the second world war she was actively involved in training new recruits.

For at least part of the war Wendy White was based in the top secret centre at Bletchley Park, working under some of the best brains in the country whose success in cracking the German Enigma codes had a powerful influence on the conduct of the war on land and sea.

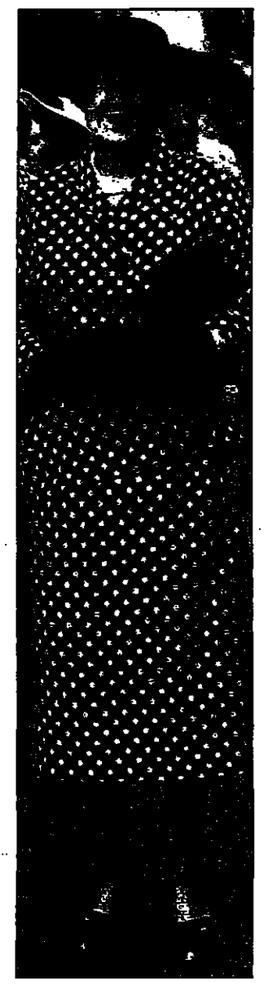
She continued working for Bletchley Park's successor organisation after the war, first at Eastcote, Middlesex, then at Cheltenham — where it moved under its present name in the 1950s. At about this time she was appointed MBE in recognition of her work in intelligence over four decades and she was among the first to receive the honour from the present Queen following her accession.

On reaching the age of 60 as a higher executive officer (HEO) in 1957, she chose to carry on for five more years — an option which had just been made available. But Wendy White, a strong-minded and sometimes formidable woman, quarrelled with one of her superiors after 12 months and strode out of the intelligence world into retirement.

She might have derived some satisfaction, however, from the increasing numbers of women then working in the same field, pursuing the trail which she had helped open up — *and sometimes now* advancing to top positions within the hierarchy.

Wendy White stayed in the Cheltenham area in retirement, moving from her flat some years ago into the nursing home where she died. The GCHQ staff magazine recently featured her as the oldest surviving ex-member of the staff.

She had lost touch with most of her family, many of whom were extremely long-lived, but is survived by a nephew living in London.



KARL HENIZE

Karl G. Henize, the oldest American ever to fly in space, died of respiratory failure while trying to climb Mount Everest on October 5 aged 66. He was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, on October 17, 1926.

ASTRONOMY was Karl Henize's first love, and it was a natural extension of his passion for the stars that he should join the National Aeronautics and Space Administration as a scientist-astronaut in 1967. At the age of 41 he had already enjoyed an extensive career at the Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory, and as a professor at Northwestern University. In 1951, working at an observatory in Bloemfontein, South Africa, he discovered a nova, or exploding star, in the Magellanic Cloud. It was only the third such discovery to be made.

Henize had to wait a long time to get into space. It was 18 years later, in 1985, that he joined the crew of the ill-fated space shuttle Challenger to take part in the Spacelab-2 mission and became, at 58, the oldest active astronaut. He was *in charge* of several scientific experiments and operated the controls for the space shuttle's robot arm.

Henize, who received his doctorate in astronomy from the University of Michigan in 1954, was a recipient of the Robert Gorman Memorial Award and the NASA Exceptional Scientific Achievement Medal. He was an avid mountaineer *and had climbed* Mount Rainier, America's highest peak, as recently as 1991. In accordance with his wishes, he was buried on Mount Everest, near the base camp where he died on the Chinese side of the peak.

Karl Henize is survived by his wife Caroline and four children.

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A SLOW-FLYING AEROPLANE

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FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT
BERLIN, OCT 15

A feature of the recent combined manoeuvres of the armed forces in north Germany was the appearance (as reported at the time) of a new aeroplane which can be flown at unusually low speeds and can land or take off with the minimum of runway. It is expected to be a particularly useful machine for certain types of military work, particularly observing, and also for civilian purposes in country where large aerodromes are lacking or are difficult to provide.

The aeroplane has been constructed by the Fiesseler Aircraft Manufacturing Company of Kassel, and is named the Storch (Stork). It can cruise at any speed between 130 and and 30 miles an hour and can be landed against the wind at 23 miles an hour. In taking off it requires against the wind a runway of a little over 90 yards and on a still day a little under 140 yards. It can be pulled up after landing within 65 yards against the wind.

By comparison the autogiro, although it can make a vertical landing, is regarded as a less efficient machine on account of its complicated structure and low maximum speed. In the Storch there has been some sacrifice of speed to simplicity and robustness, and the makers claim to have produced a machine which, while offering a good touring speed and mechanical reliability, can be taken off and landed on the smallest flying grounds and in unsuitable country, which is steady and safe at low speeds in the air, gives a clear view to the pilot and passengers on all sides as well as above and below, is simple to fly and can be landed "blind" from any height.

An aeroplane with these qualities should be capable of various military uses, such as maintaining communications between separated troops, and carrying dispatches for reconnaissance and observation. It might also be found particularly useful for naval work, for, it is claimed, the Storch could start and alight on a moving ship without any runway. Neither catapult nor crane would thus be necessary.

The possibilities of the Storch in civilian air transport are regarded as even more numerous. It is regarded as suitable for business men, doctors, and other private fliers, who might have no great skill in flying, for it is claimed that with this machine it is possible to make safe emergency landings in almost any kind of country without previous practice.

The Storch is designed for a single engine between 200 and 300 h.p. It has seats for a pilot and two passengers, arranged tandem style, and has folding wings impregnated against damp.

MAJOR-GENERAL AT 45

Our Military Correspondent writes:-

The promotion to Major-General to Colonel Alexander at the age of 45 makes him almost the youngest man to become a general officer since the War. He was born in 1891, and gained his commission in the Irish Guards in 1911 . . .

THE TIMES TODAY

NEWS

Major faces Tory defence revolt

■ Plans for a £2 billion tactical nuclear missile for the RAF are to be abandoned, Malcolm Rifkind, the defence secretary, will announce on Monday, in a move which is bound to add to growing Conservative alarm about Britain's defence capability. John Major already faces a damaging rebellion over proposals for further swingeing cuts in the armed forces when he returns to Westminster next week ..... Pages 1, 2

Women 'prisoners' of water births

■ Women have become "prisoners of a project to give birth under water", the French pioneer of the technique said, claiming that his original objectives about the use of birthing pools have become distorted ..... Pages 1, 3

Haiti terror

Terror and despair gripped the Haitian capital as armed thugs, described by diplomats as "forces of real evil", took control of the streets and all hopes of an imminent return to democracy vanished ..... Page 1, 11

Robber shot dead

An armed robber was shot dead by a marksman from a Scotland Yard mobile gun patrol after he opened fire on pursuing police and hijacked a dustcart in a chase through north London ..... Page 1

Mandela winner

Nelson Mandela, the African National Congress president, and President de Klerk of South Africa were jointly awarded the Nobel peace prize for their efforts in breaking apartheid .... Pages 1, 13

Six enquiry call

The Birmingham Six called for a public enquiry into the events surrounding their case after a judge gave his reasons for halting the trial of three police officers accused of perjury at their original trial 18 years ago ... Pages 1, 5

Police warning

Police may have to cut back enquiries into domestic and racial violence because of pressure to concentrate on mainstream crime, the new leader of Britain's chief constables said ..... Page 8

Short shift

Nigel Short says he believes "for the first time" that he is capable of wresting *The Times* World Chess Championship from Garry Kasparov, after a week in which the champion lost his first game of the match ..... Page 9

Fighting spirit

British drinks companies have grouped together to declare war on foreign imitators and counterfeiters who are trying to make quick profits by pirating their products ..... Page 10

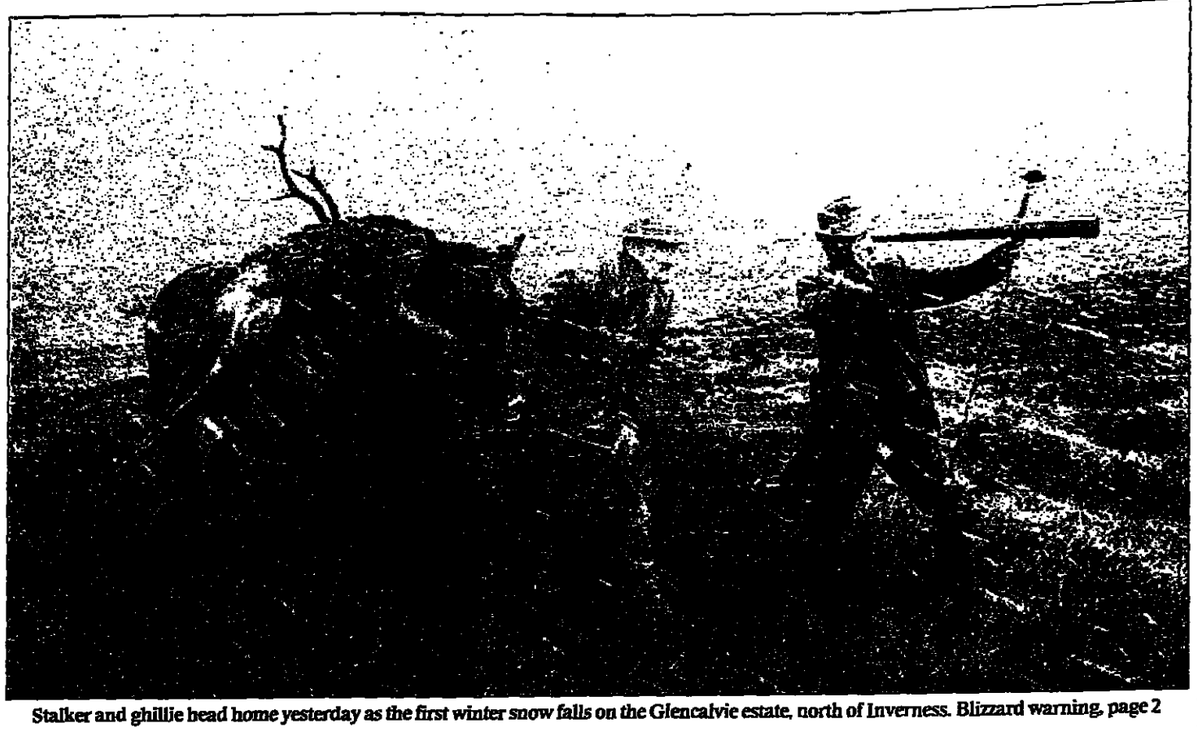
Libya arms link

As the UN prepares to tighten sanctions against Libya, Thai police have arrested a construction chief suspected of illegally sending workers to Tripoli to build bunkers for chemical arms manufacture ..... Page 14

Luxurious vroom with a view

The car that Ford wanted to kill off will be unveiled for the first time next week, promising to become a symbol of the revival in racy British models to rival Mercedes and BMW. The AC Ace, a sleek £50,000 grand tourer, made it to the London Motor Show after a two-year legal battle ..... Page 7

JOHN H. PAUL



Stalker and ghillie head home yesterday as the first winter snow falls on the Glencalvie estate, north of Inverness. Blizzard warning, page 2

BUSINESS

Shares reach new high: Pressure in Europe for further rate cuts spilled into London, already fired by strong Asian and US markets, to send shares to record levels and the FT-SE 100 index closed 34.5 points up at 3,120.8 ..... Pages 21, 24

Partners in power: Roy Bishko, an extrovert with vision, and Nigel McGinley, the "nuts and bolts" accountant, are the duo behind the Tie Rack success ..... Page 23

Hotels deal: Forte, Britain's biggest hotels group, is taking management control of Ciga, the Italian chain that owns the Danieli and Gritti Palace in Venice and the Meurice in Paris ..... Page 21

Petition upheld: A petition by the Bank of England to close Mount Bank, the small Asian-owned bank, because of concerns over the way that it was run has been upheld by the Banking Appeals Tribunal ..... Page 21

SPORT

Driving force: Simon Barnes profiles John Daly, appearing today for the US in the Alfred Dunhill Cup at St Andrew's, who is said to hit his divots longer than most golfers hit their drives ..... Page 38

Rude talent: The Philadelphia Phillies may be the masters of slob baseball but when the World Series begins in Toronto tonight, the Blue Jays will find appearances can be deceptive. Keith Blackmore on the team described as "rude, crude, funny and smart" ..... Page 38

Fresh orientation: David Hands looks at the Wales side which plays Japan in Cardiff this afternoon at the start of an international season of crucial importance to the future of Welsh rugby union ..... Page 39

Kiwi hunt: Great Britain take on New Zealand in the opening John Smith's rugby league international at Wembley today, hoping to deny the tourists their first series victory here for 22 years ..... Page 35

ARTS

Full of meaning: When Janacek's opera *Jenufa* is toured round rural Ireland, it acquires special significance. "Its impact is considerably increased in a Catholic country, where out-of-wedlock pregnancies still cause social upset," Rodney Milnes says ..... Weekend, page 14

For Peter Ilich's sake: English National Ballet promises to put sparkle and spectacle back into *The Sleeping Beauty* with its new production in Tchaikovsky's centenary year ..... Weekend, page 16

Tower of strength: A new recording of Gilbert and Sullivan's *The Yeomen of the Guard* brings together a top-class cast, led by two Americans ..... Weekend, page 16

Seasonal farewell: Christa Ludwig, the distinguished mezzo-soprano, has sung the first of two farewell recitals in London. She chose *Winterreise*, the Schubert song cycle ..... Weekend, page 16

WEEKEND

Lost villages of Heathrow: "Rural Middlesex ... that most hardly used of counties ... that very best of counties". Simon Jenkins recalls an expedition with Sir John Betjeman to discover the forgotten charms of the airport hinterland ..... Page 1

Sloping off: Doug Sager selects ten great resorts from Norway to Romania. Shona Crawford Poole reports on the new nanny boom to make skiing fun for all the family ..... Pages 2,3

Eat out in a good cause: The catering trade hopes thousands will join tomorrow's Dine-a-Mite charity marathon at restaurants and inns — and *Times* readers can win a case of champagne ..... Page 4

Great shakes: Jelly is not just for children's parties. Hattie Ellis has some adult recipes ..... Page 5

Street fighters: Ruth Gledhill joins the Salvation Army on a Sunday musical march ..... Page 7

VISION

In the new, 32-page tabloid *Vision* section: comprehensive, seven-day listings of all radio and television programmes, TV films, and a wealth of authoritative writing.

Lady daze: Matthew Parris, who worked for Margaret Thatcher when she was in opposition, considers the irresistible progress she has made in promoting her memoirs. Matthew d'Ancona meets Hugh Scully, her interviewer in *Thatcher: The Downing Street Years* ..... Vision, Page 3

Late shows: Kate Muir watches, bleary-eyed, as David Letterman, Jay Leno and the rest of the would-be kings of late-night New York chat go through their paces. Why do they command multi-million-dollar salaries and fanatical followings? ..... Vision, page 4

Screen test: What *Oleanna* and *Dirty Weekend* actress Lia Williams never watches. Plus Paul Donovan, Laurie Taylor, and Lynne Truss.

OPINION

Just acceptable

Mr Justice Garland's decision last week can no more be considered in isolation than the prosecution case with which he took issue. Whatever his intentions, it will be seen as part of a jurisprudential trend.. Page 17

COLUMNS

SIMON JENKINS

Soccer was ruined when players became mercenaries, hired by towns and tribes whose colours they wore only until a better offer came along. They came to represent only themselves. Greed led football's rulers into too many cups, too many "second legs", too many foreign trips trailed by yobbish supporters ..... Page 16

LETTERS

Lord Longford and others discuss the merits of proposed reforms to fight crime ..... Page 17

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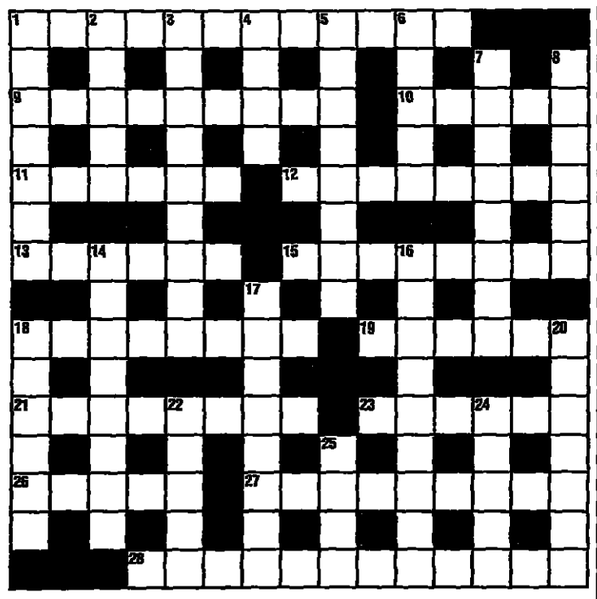

ACROSS

1 A horse might come a cropper here, with finish in sight (4,8)
9 Evil edict appearing funny to wit (9)
10 Artist not quite ready with the last of the rent (5)
11 Naval commander in the hold (6)
12 Remove for burial, using implement (5,3)
13 Tea, say, provided with a bit of fish? (6)
15 Bustopher's male relative? A novel hero (3,5)
18 Saw one's chance, finally, to make the most of something (8)
19 Criticise a policy pronouncement (6)
21 Not fully stretched, we hear, without proper education (8)
23 State in which old character needs backing, in extremes of poverty (6)
26 School for point-to-points (5)
27 Gift with lines old sculptor displayed (9)
28 Way to overcome current obstacle in Wall Game (6,6)

DOWN

1 Shelter to set up for poor person (4-3)
2 Gong bringing Duke into dinner, perhaps (5)
3 Girl's upset about soldiers? That's a reasonable inference (9)
4 Stretcher cases may be put on it (4)
5 Damage trains do under part of arch (8)
6 Poet's all-round achievement in American sport (5)
7 No aims in organisation — hence this restlessness? (8)
8 In sacred works, it's a problem for organ (6)
14 Firmly securing a thing (8)
16 Rich traveller's black dog (3-6)
17 Plant a variety of hops in Deal, perhaps (8)
18 Sweet little creature hiding second animal, we hear (6)
20 It's crucial to get some money for tonic (7)
22 Muslim theologists among rule-makers (5)
24 Not under control, yet in hand (5)
25 Brothers and sisters are never so just (4)

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WEATHER

Frequent snow showers in northern Scotland, giving accumulations. Drifting likely in strong north to northwesterly winds. Further south, showers more scattered, giving a dusting of snow over the Borders, Pennines and Snowdonia. Central and southern England dry and sunny; frosty at first. Patchy rain in the Channel Islands, with a freshening northeasterly breeze. Outlook: England and Wales dry. Rain in Scotland and Northern Ireland.

ABROAD

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain

	C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	19	66	f	Madrid	12	54	c
Akrotiri	32	90	s	Majorca	21	70	s
Alex'dria	28	82	s	Malaga	20	68	f
Algiers	24	75	s	Malta	28	82	s
Amst'dm	9	48	f	Melb'rne	15	59	s
Athens	27	81	s	Mexico C*	22	72	s
Bahrain	32	90	s	Miami*	23	73	t
Barbados*	30	86	f	Milan	18	64	c
Barcelona	21	70	f	Montreal*	8	46	s
Beirut	30	86	f	Moscow	18	64	s
Belgrade	25	77	s	Munich	13	55	r
Berlin	7	45	r	Naples	25	77	c
Bermuda*	28	82	s	N Delhi	30	86	s
Biarritz	17	63	f	N York*	11	52	f
Borde'x	14	57	f	Nice	20	68	s
Brussels	11	52	s	Oslo	3	37	s
Budapest	20	68	f	Paris	11	52	s
B Aires*	20	68	c	Peking	21	70	s
Cairo	31	88	s	Perth	21	70	c
Cape Tn	18	64	s	Prague	15	59	f
Chicago*	13	55	f	Reykjavik	-3	27	s
Cologne	7	45	f	Rhodes	27	81	s
C'phagn	8	46	s	Rio de J	27	81	s
Corfu	25	77	s	Riyadh	34	93	s
Dublin	8	46	s	Rome	18	64	f
Dubrovnik	25	77	s	Salzburg	15	59	f
Faro	20	68	s	S F'risco*	19	66	c
Florence	15	58	r	Santiago*	29	84	s
Frankfurt	11	52	r	S Paulo*	32	90	f
Funchal	22	72	f	Seoul	20	68	s
Geneva	14	57	s	St'k'holm	5	41	s
Gibraltar	17	63	f	Strasb'rg	12	54	f
Helsinki	3	37	s	Sydney	20	68	c
Hong K	27	81	f	Tangier	20	68	f
Innsbruck	13	55	f	Tel Aviv	32	90	s
Istanbul	23	73	s	Tenerife	21	70	c
Jeddah	39	102	s	Tokyo	17	63	c
Jo'burg*	23	73	r	Toronto*	9	48	f
Karachi	39	102	s	Tunis	26	79	f
L Palmas	23	73	s	Valencia	21	70	s
Le Tquet	10	50	f	Vanc'ver*	13	55	c
Lisbon	16	61	c	Venice	17	63	f
Locarno	13	55	r	Vienna	19	66	f
L Angels*	21	70	c	Warsaw	17	63	f
Luxembg	6	43	c	Wash'ton*	17	63	c
Luxor	36	97	f	Zurich	16	61	s

* denotes figures are latest available

LIGHTING-UP TIMES

London 6.35 pm to 6.56 am
Bristol 6.45 pm to 7.06 am
Edinburgh 6.40 pm to 7.16 am
Manchester 6.40 pm to 7.08 am
Penzance 6.59 pm to 7.16 am

TODAY

Sun rises: 7.26 am — Sun sets: 6.05 pm
Moon rises: 8.51 am — Moon sets: 6.19 pm

London 6.33 pm to 6.58 am
Bristol 6.43 pm to 7.08 am
Edinburgh 6.37 pm to 7.18 am
Manchester 6.38 pm to 7.10 am
Penzance 6.57 pm to 7.17 am

TOMORROW

Sun rises: 7.28 am — Sun sets: 6.03 pm
Moon rises: 10.13 am — Moon sets: 7.00 pm

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AROUND BRITAIN

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	6.5	0.03	7	45	bright
Anglesey	9.0	0.03	10	50	sunny
Aviemore	6.2	0.01	7	45	bright
Belfast	7.8	-	10	50	sunny
Birmingham	7.0	-	9	48	sunny
Bournemouth	1.4	-	11	52	bright
Bristol	7.3	-	10	50	sunny
Buxton	5.2	-	7	45	bright
Cardiff	7.8	-	10	50	sunny
Clacton	3.3	-	11	52	sunny
Edinburgh	7.9	-	9	48	sunny
Eskdalemuir	6.6	-	7	45	sunny
Exmouth	6.1	-	10	50	bright
Folkestone	-	0.33	10	50	rain
Hastings	-	0.02	10	50	drizzle
Hunstanton	2.8	0.05	10	50	shower
Isle of Man	8.1	-	10	50	sunny
Jersey	-	1.39	11	52	rain
Kinloss	4.3	-	8	46	cloudy
Leeds	6.6	0.02	9	48	shower
Lerwick	0.1	0.06	4	39	snow
Littlehampton	-	-	11	52	cloudy
Liverpool	8.2	-	10	50	sunny
Lowestoft	1.4	0.02	11	52	rain
Morecambe	6.5	-	9	48	bright
Newcastle	4.9	0.14	9	48	shower
Newquay	5.2	-	10	50	bright
Nottingham	7.2	0.01	9	48	sunny
Penzance	7.2	-	12	54	sunny
Plymouth	7.4	-	11	52	sunny
Sandown	-	0.01	10	50	cloudy
Saunton Snd	6.8	-	11	52	bright
Scarborough	4.9	0.03	9	48	bright
Scilly Isles	7.4	0.01	11	52	sunny
Shanklin	-	0.01	10	50	cloudy
Southend	2.2	0.10	11	52	bright
Stornoway	5.2	0.08	8	46	shower
Tenby	7.4	-	10	50	sunny
Tiree	7.0	0.01	9	48	cloudy
Torquay	6.7	-	12	54	bright
Weymouth	0.3	-	11	52	bright
Wick	4.2	0.10	7	45	snow

These are Thursday's figures

TOURIST RATES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.3725	2.1725
Austria Sch	18.29	16.79
Belgium Fr	96.94	92.54
Canada $	2.1275	1.9675
Cyprus Cyp£	0.7775	0.7275
Denmark Kr	10.55	9.75
Finland Mkk	9.00	8.40
France Fr	9.13	8.43
Germany Dm	2.6000	2.3900
Greece Dr	372.00	347.00
Hong Kong $	12.36	11.36
Ireland Pt	1.0950	1.0150
Italy Lira	2503	2348
Japan Yen	180.00	160.50
Malta Mlira	0.6075	0.5525
Netherlands Gld	2.9200	2.6900
Norway Kr	11.35	10.55
Portugal Esc	246.50	246.00
South Africa Rd	5.90	5.00
Spain Pta	205.00	191.00
Sweden Kr	12.58	11.78
Switzerland Fr	2.3950	2.1150
Turkey Lira	18200	16300
USA $	1.6125	1.4825

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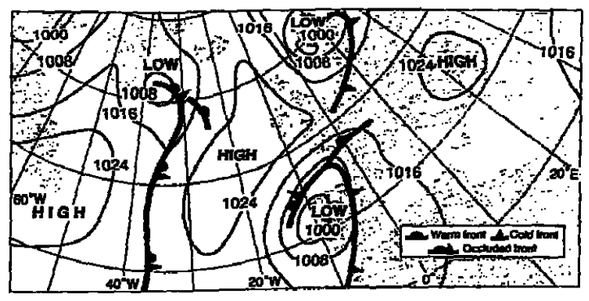

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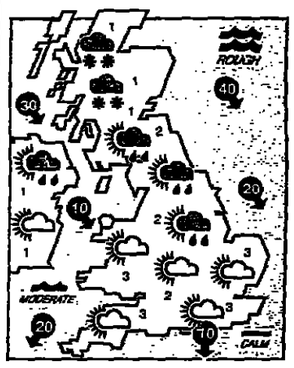

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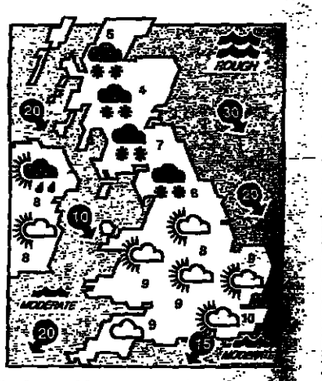

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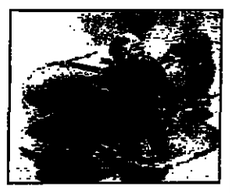

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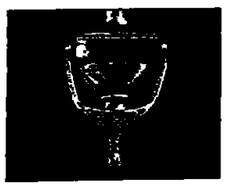

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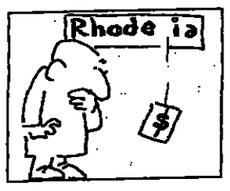

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THE POUND

US $	1.5125 (-0.0043)
German mark	2.4404 (+0.0006)
Exchange index	80.3 (-0.1)
Bank of England official close (4pm)	

STOCK MARKET

FT-SE 100	3120.8 (+34.5)
Dow Jones	3634.21 (+12.59)*
Nikkei Avge	20174.42 (+91.61)

INTEREST RATES

London Bank Base	6%
3-month Interbank	5 13/16-5 11/16%
US Federal Funds	2 15/16%
3-month Treas Bills	3.02-3.01%*
Long Bond	5.79%*

CURRENCIES

New York:		London:	
£:$	1.5123*	£:$	1.5125
$:DM	1.6140*	£:DM	2.4404
$:SWfr	1.4270*	£:SWfr	2.1584
$:Fr	5.7202*	£:Fr	8.6360
$:Yen	107.04*	£:Yen	162.07
£:SDR	1.0768	£:ECU	1.2868

London Forex market close

GOLD

London Fixing ($):
AM 365.35 PM 364.60
Close 364.60-365.00
New York:
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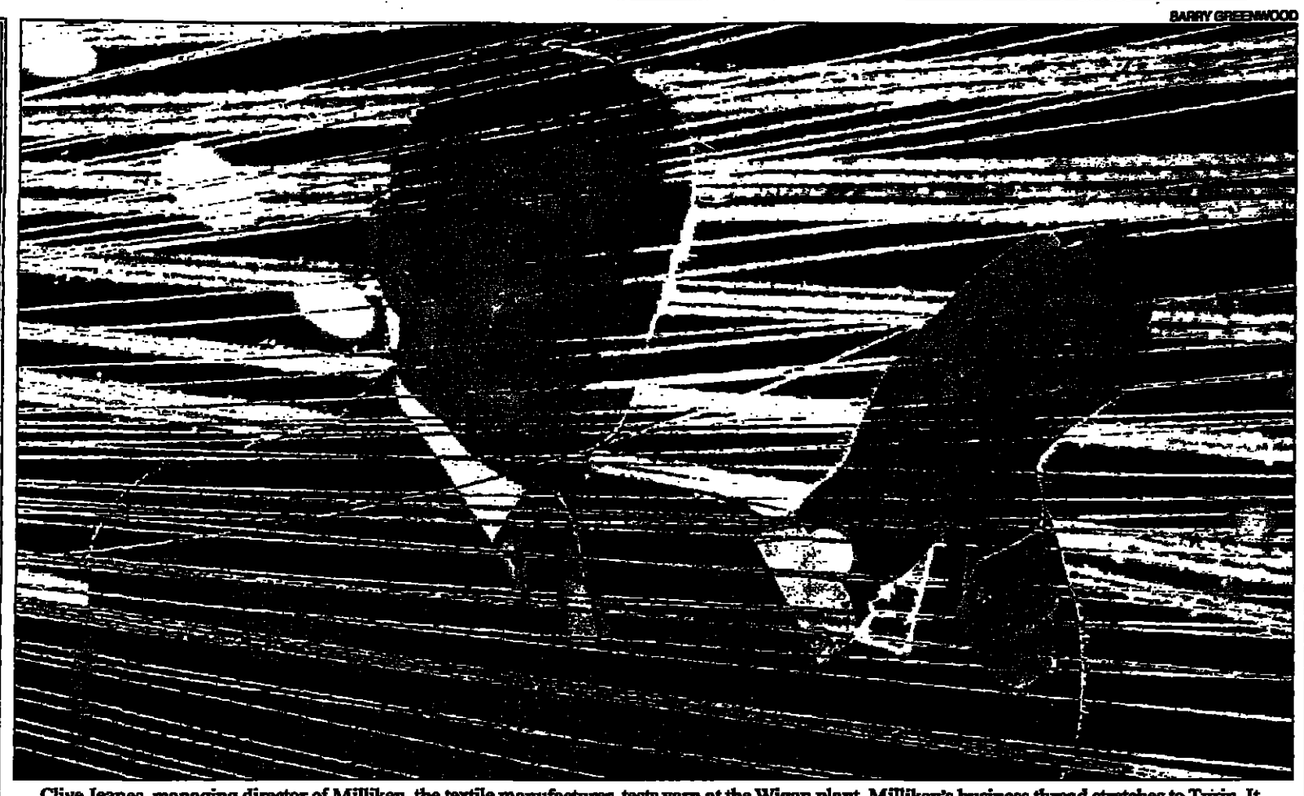
RETAIL PRICES

RPI 141.9 Sept (1.8%)
* Denotes midday trading price



BARRY GREENWOOD

Clive Jeanes, managing director of Milliken, the textile manufacturer, tests yarn at the Wigan plant. Milliken's business thread stretches to Turin, Italy, where the company won the 1993 European Quality Award presented by the European Foundation for Quality Management

Mount Bank closure upheld by tribunal

By Patricia Tehan, Banking Correspondent

THE Bank of England's petition to close Mount Banking Corporation, the small Asian-owned bank, because of concerns over the way it was run was upheld by the Banking Appeals Tribunal yesterday.

The tribunal, set up by the Lord Chancellor's Department after Mount's owners appealed against the Bank's decision to put it into administration a year ago, agreed with the Bank's opinion that the directors, Suresh Bhagwanji Raja Shah, the chairman, and Navinchandra Bhagwanji Shah, the deputy chairman, were not exercising fit and proper control.

In a 50-page document, the tribunal revealed that the Bank's concerns about Suresh Shah were of three kinds. First, the Bank had looked into matters that cast doubt on Mr Shah's general competence and soundness of judgment in his operations as a banker. Examples quoted in the report include the intermingling of monies in the account of Impec, a company owned by him, without proper records. He also gave an instruction to his general manager to accept a $140,000 deposit without asking about its origins; afterwards, when informed that $3,100 of it was counterfeit, he said the money should be returned to the customer and the account debited. The matter was not reported to the police.

Second, the Bank looked into Mr Shah's "propensity to overriding dominance in banking matters". Examples given include the $140,000 deposit, and issuing customer guarantees and overdrafts in breach of Mount's procedures. This was despite a warning from an employee that "if the Bank [of England] saw the guarantee, there was absolutely no doubt that it would suspend the company's banking licence".

Third, doubts were cast on Mr Shah's "openness"; for example, his failure to disclose to a senior manager his ownership of Impec.

The tribunal looked at the Bank's concerns afresh and concluded: "Overall, we find ourselves in positive agreement with the Bank in our conclusion about Mr S. Shah's unfitness to be a director and controller of the company."

The tribunal concluded that Navinchandra Shah "went along with managerial conduct and practices unsuitable in a banker. We think, in the light of these considerations, that there is substantial reason to doubt whether he is a fit and proper person to be a director or controller in the context of this company."

The tribunal also considered an appeal by Mount's administrators against the Bank's decision to extend its banking licence by only three months. The administrators originally wanted an unlimited extension. But the Bank and the administrators have reached agreement to extend the authorisation for a further three months from October 13.

Mount Banking was the first bank to be closed by the Bank of England while still solvent. The £145 million deposits of its 2,500 customers have been frozen ever since.

Philip Wallace, of KPMG Peat Marwick, who is one of the joint administrators, said he hoped to make a first distribution, of about 30p in the pound, to depositors by the end of November. He said there seemed to be sufficient money in the bank to repay depositors. Mount had £100 million cash and a loan portfolio with a book value of £60 million. Most of that portfolio was secured against property, though some provisions would be required, Mr Wallace said.

After that, he said, "we will explore whether there is a long-term future without the Shahs". He added: "It is going to be hard because the deposit base is largely Kenyan Asians and strongly linked to the Shahs. If they cannot be part of the bank, there is a chance that the depositors will not keep deposits with the bank."

Forte to assume control of Ciga hotels

By Susan Gilchrist

FORTE, Britain's biggest hotel group, is to take over the management of the Ciga hotel chain, in a deal that will give the group control of the biggest chain of luxury hotels in the world.

The move casts doubt on Forte's continued interest in the Savoy group of hotels, in which it holds a 70 per cent stake. Some analysts believe there is no sound reason for Forte to develop two luxury hotel networks; they suggest that the group may eventually dispose of all or part of its Savoy shareholding.

Forte already owns 16 five-star hotels, including the Grosvenor House, in London, and the Plaza Athenée, in Paris. Ciga will add a further 36 luxury hotels, including the Danieli and Gritti Palace, in Venice, the Meurice, in Paris, and the Pulitzer, in Amsterdam.

The link-up with Ciga, which has been brokered with Mediobanca, is part of a financial restructuring of the group, currently weighed down by 1,000 billion lire (£417 million) of debt. Under its terms, Forte will inject £33 million cash, and several of its own luxury hotels, into a new operating company worth an estimated £125 million.

In return, Forte will manage the enlarged chain and be given a majority interest in the restructured company, with Mediobanca owning the remainder. Ciga's bank debt will be transferred to a property holding company, in which the new operating company will have a small stake.

Rocco Forte, Forte's chairman, said the deal was "a great opportunity" for the group: "It gives us a significant foothold on the Continent which we did not have before. It also gives us a group of exclusive hotels which fit well in our existing portfolio."

Lottery Bill set to win Royal Assent

By Melvyn Marckus
City Editor

THE government's loudly fanfared National Lottery Bill is shortly expected to receive Royal Assent — possibly as early as next week.

Indications from the national heritage department yesterday were that the Bill, which has passed through most of the parliamentary process, may well be debated mid-week, shortly after Parliament reassembles. Royal Assent is expected within two weeks, conceivably by next Friday.

This will herald the opening shots in a fiercely contested battle between a host of private consortia eager to secure the potentially lucrative licence to run what is already being billed as Britain's "biggest selling product".

Turnover of the National Lottery is expected to top £2 billion from the outset — based on the sale of 40 million £1 tickets each week. City analysts estimate that turnover could eventually amount to £6 billion. Launch date is targeted for late 1994 or the spring of 1995.

The lure of a £2 billion-£6 billion market has proved irresistible for numerous blue chip companies. Operating expenses are expected to amount to 15 per cent of gross turnover, equivalent to £600 million on a £4 billion spend.

Key consortia include:

☐ The Camelot Group: Cadbury Schweppes, De La Rue, Racal Electronics, GTECH UK and ICL;

☐ The Great British Lottery Company: Granada, Vodafone, Hambros Bank, Carlton Communications and the Daily Mail;

☐ NM Rothschild and Tattersalls.

As *The Times* revealed last week, GEC and Thorn EMI are poised to join forces with the Tote.

Shares add £6.5 billion to set new peak

By Philip Pangalos and Janet Bush

EQUITIES surged to all-time peaks in London, adding nearly £6.5 billion to share values, as a wave of demand from overseas, particularly Americans seeking better returns, combined with renewed hopes of an interest rate cut.

Strong overnight advances in New York and Hong Kong, together with heavy buying of the futures market, helped drag up the cash market. Prices were also squeezed higher by stock shortages.

The FT-SE 100 index touched a new intra-day high of 3,126.7, before late profit-taking trimmed gains. The index closed at a new high of 3,120.8, up 34.5, giving an 81.5 point gain over the two-week account. Volume was heavy, bolstered by new-time buying, reaching 799.1 million shares. Traders also reported continued demand after hours.

Bob Buckland, a strategist at NatWest Securities, said: "Falling bond yields in Europe have helped UK bond yields. This has helped to drag the equity market higher. There has been no great change in the underlying fundamentals. Despite a couple of tricky hurdles, the market has shown the strength to carry on. It is charging like a rhinoceros."

Mr Buckland added that the market is already discounting a half-point cut in interest rates before next month's Budget, so a bigger reduction will be needed to drive the market higher still.

Stock markets in Germany, Belgium, Holland and Switzerland also surged to record highs yesterday and bond markets throughout Europe rallied on growing hopes that European interest rates will be cut soon. On the currency markets, selling pressure intensified on the French franc, which briefly hit a record low against the mark, and on the Belgian franc. There is still considerable uncertainty about the timing and extent of any rate cuts.

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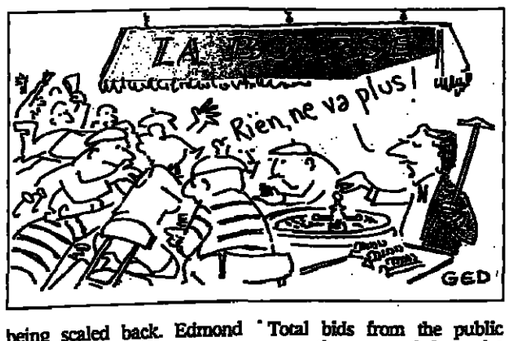
French find BNP's price is right

By Our Banking Correspondent

PRIVATISATION, French-style, was declared a huge success yesterday after the public side of the government's Fr28 billion sale of shares in Banque Nationale de Paris, the country's third largest bank, was more than five times subscribed.

What has been seen as a massive underpricing of the shares — at Fr240 each — pulled 2.8 million "French Sids" out of the woodwork. The shares are expected to begin trading at well above the offer price on Monday. In grey market trading yesterday, they were between Fr277-Fr285. As a result, the institutional side of the share sale is being scaled back. Edmond Alphandéry, the French economy minister, said the 2.8 million applications is twice the number of private shareholders BNP officials had predicted a week ago.



Total bids from the public more than covered the entire offer and were worth Fr46.4 billion. The government had planned to sell 37.5 million shares to the public and 34.62 million to institutions. As a result of the public interest, institutions will have their allocations scaled back by 20 per cent to 27.7 million. Of that, 35 per cent is going to French institutions and 65 per cent to foreign institutions.

A separate group of hard core, shareholders that were to buy 27.64 million shares, will see their stakes reduced by 10 per cent, in order to make more shares available to the public. The ministry said that it would increase the number of shares available to the public to 46.9 million from 37.5 million.

Private investors have had their allocation reduced to 15 shares each, rather than the 40 that was initially set as the "minimum" level for private investors.

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Cahill heads east in bid to save Taiwan deal

Cahill: representations

By Ross Tieman
Industrial Correspondent

JOHN Cahill, British Aerospace chairman, will fly to Taiwan on Monday in an effort to revive his company's faltering deal to put its regional jet business into a joint venture with Taiwan Aerospace Corporation.

The TAC board has deferred its decision on the future of the deal, nominally scheduled for Tuesday, to allow Mr Cahill to make new representations on BAe's proposals. If the £250 million joint venture falls through, 3,000 BAe employees could lose their jobs and Britain's strength in civil aerospace would be gravely weakened.

Mr Cahill will be joined on Wednesday by Richard Needham, the trade minister. They hope to reassure Taiwan politicians on the deal's merits and encourage the economics ministry, TAC's biggest shareholder, to reorganise the vacillating TAC board.

After a year of talks, BAe clearly fears that TAC's private sector investors are tiring of the failure to agree a deal."We have not really known who we were negotiating with," a spokesman admitted yesterday. "The Taiwan government recognises that and has said that TAC needs strengthening."

BAe restructured its regional jet business into a new company, Avro International, after agreeing in January to sell a half share to TAC for £120 million and set up a second production line in Taiwan.

Despite finally concluding a key arrangement for US$400 million of aircraft leasing finance in August, the would-be partners failed to make progress at subsequent talks in London on issues of technology transfer and new aircraft development.

According to sources within BAe, the TAC representatives had no clear leadership and appeared not to know what they wanted. The uncertainty within TAC has co-incided with repeated attacks on the deal by politicians in Taiwan's opposition party, the DPP. Taiwan's government has responded by distancing itself from the proposals.

Mr Cahill's initiative appears at last to have arrested the sense that the deal was drifting towards disintegration. Earle Ho, TAC's chairman, said yesterday: "We will see what Cahill has to say. There are still chances of success, depending on whether both sides can reach a consensus.

His remarks are the first positive ones concerning the proposals to come from Taiwan in weeks. However, Mr Ho's long-standing intention to stand down from the chairmanship, and the recent resignation of Denny Ko, TAC chief executive, reinforce the urgent need for the TAC board to be recast to restore momentum to the talks.

TAC is little more than a shelf company, uniting Taiwan's blue chip industrial companies behind the government's ambition to make Taiwan the aerospace centre of Pacific Asia. But a defence ministry factory is available in which Avro would set up its second production line.

Picture of recovery hit by loss of another 1,000 jobs

By Susan Gilchrist

THE government's claim that Britain is "bucking the trend" of rising unemployment in Europe was dealt a blow yesterday as more than 1,000 job losses were announced. The announcements came the day after publication of government figures putting unemployment at its lowest for a year.

Yesterday's biggest job loss came from Courage, Britain's second largest brewer, which is to axe 700 jobs after an "extensive review" of its business. A further 300 people are to be made redundant by the VSEL shipyard at Barrow, Cumbria. Tomkins is cutting 65 jobs after the closure of the Dundee plant of British Bakeries, acquired as part of Ranks Hovis McDougall.

NCM, the Dutch credit insurer that took over the short-term arm of the Export Credits Guarantee Department, is to axe about 5 per cent of its 575 full-time posts in the UK, mainly at its Cardiff offices. The cost-cutting will reduce its UK workforce, including part-time staff, by 10 per cent, the company said.

The cuts come after British Aerospace's announcement of 1,000 job losses on Thursday.

Courage, which produces Foster's lager and John Smith's bitter, said that it could not rule out compulsory redundancies among its 6,000 workforce. The job losses, to be phased over the next 18 months, will hit every level from senior management to the production floor.

Brian Revell, the TGWU national secretary for the drinks industry, attacked Courage's move and laid part of the blame at the government's door, saying: "The Monopolies and Mergers Commission enquiry into the industry did significant damage. In addition, the high levels of beer tax in Britain depress consumption." Beer sales, down 5 per cent last year, have fallen a further 4 per cent this year.

Mr Revell said that the consequences of Courage's pubs-for-breweries swap with Grand Metropolitan two years ago were being seen.

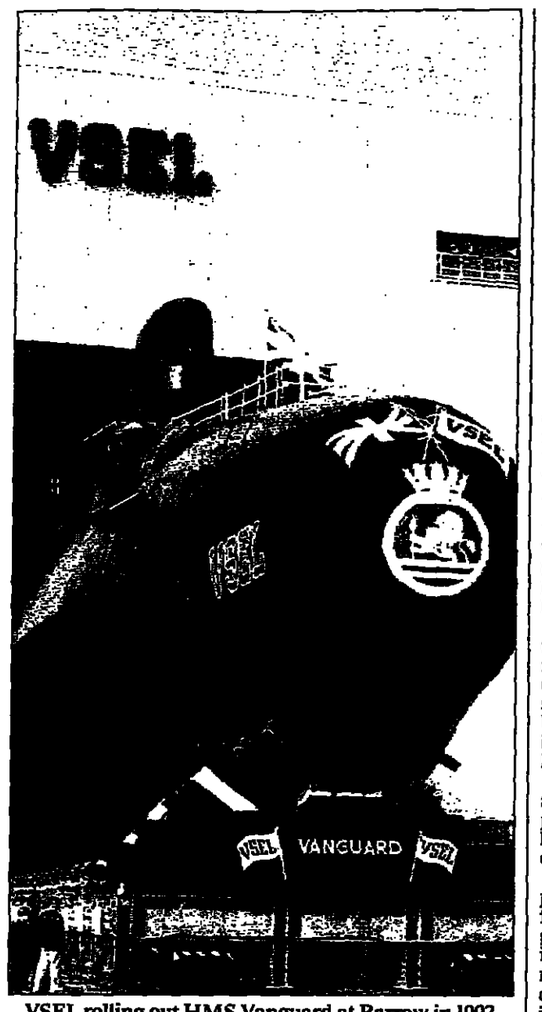
Nick Bryan, Courage's managing director, said that the job losses were "regrettable", but vital for the group's long-term future. "The UK brewing industry has become increasingly volatile and competitive due to the cumulative effect of falling beer consumption, increased excise duty, imports and retailer concentration," he said.

This "lethal cocktail" had put severe pressure on margins. "We believe the only way to survive is to be ruthlessly efficient and to put the fruits of that efficiency into supporting our brands," Mr Bryan said.

Courage, with about a fifth of the beer market, plans to spend £90 million marketing its brands over the next year, a record sum for the group.

VSEL said that its job losses, in response to a falling order book, would affect both manual and professional staff. The shipyard has seen its workforce fall from 14,000 just over two years ago to about 6,500.

Job losses at VSEL come in spite of its winning, in May, a £170 million contract to build a 20,000-tonne Royal Navy helicopter carrier. Receivers were called in to the rival yard Swan Hunter, on Tyneside, after the failure of its bid, undercut by VSEL by £50 million.



VSEL rolling out HMS Vanguard at Barrow in 1992

Surprise as US inflation falls to zero

From Wolfgang Münchau
in Washington

INFLATION disappeared last month in America, according to the US Labour Department, dumbfounding most economists and underscoring hopes that short-term interest rates will remain low for much longer had been thought.

The news led to a rally on US bond markets, where the benchmark 30-year bond rose by a point at lunchtime, yielding 5.78 per cent, an all-time low.

The absence of inflation was the result of small price movements in general, the early onset of winter sales and sharp falls in tobacco prices. Underlying inflation, excluding food and energy, was also low at 0.1 per cent.

The inflation news came amid a series of statistics pointing towards continued low growth in the US economy.

Industrial output rose by 0.2 per cent in September, mostly from productivity gains, suggesting more of what is known in America as a "jobless recovery". The data suggest continued sluggishness in the jobs market, with the rate of unemployment not expected to fall significantly below the current 6.7 per cent.

However, there was good news from the University of Michigan's consumer attitude index, which rose by six points to 83.1 in the month to early October.

There was a slight improvement in the trade balance. Stronger exports reduced the merchandise trade deficit to a seasonally adjusted $9.7 billion in August, compared with a revised $10.4 billion in July, but the total for the year so far, at more than $76 billion, is significantly higher than last year's $53 billion.

The deficit widened against Japan and China, the two countries with the largest surpluses against the US, at $5.3 billion and $2.4 billion respectively. The deficit against Europe narrowed sharply, however, falling from $1.8 billion in July to $813 million. Economists suggest that the fall in the trade deficit indicates an improvement in competitiveness.

Apple chief bows out after 97% fall in profits

From Philip Robinson
in New York

JOHN Sculley, who headed Apple Computer through much of its growth period, abruptly resigned as chairman yesterday, in the wake of a 97 per cent fall in fourth-quarter profits.

Mr Sculley stood aside as chief executive four months ago and leaves after a decade with America's second-largest computer group. The move is the latest in a series of crises for the 20-year-old group. It is embroiled in a fierce price war and its new hand-held computer, the Newton Messagepad, which, it is claimed, can recognise handwriting, has received mixed reviews.

In the past four months, Apple has cut prices by more than 12.5 per cent and its workforce by 16 per cent, axing 2,500 jobs.

Net profits for July, August and September, the final quarter of the group's financial year, plunged from $97.6 million to $2.7 million, despite a 21 per cent rise in sales, to $2.14 billion.

For the whole year, the group's net profits dropped 84 per cent, to $86.6 million on sales up 12.5 per cent, to $7.98 billion.

Wall Street had been expecting a fourth-quarter loss and the shares rose $3.5, to $27.25. Mr Sculley, 54, a former executive with PepsiCo, said in a statement: "I've had some wonderful years at Pepsi, an extraordinary journey at Apple and now I'm ready to head off to new challenges."

In July, a group of Apple shareholders filed five legal actions against Mr Sculley and five top executives, alleging that they had made more than $25 million profit through trading the company's shares on inside information.

The lawsuits allege that the Apple executives deliberately misled shareholders about sales and profit margins from the Macintosh product line and about advance demand for the Newton Messagepad machine, to drive up the share price.

A spokesman for Apple said yesterday that the company had been consistent with its statement that the lawsuits were legally without merit. "We will aggressively defend ourselves."

Leader of engineer employers resigns

By Ross Tieman and Philip Bassett

NEIL Johnson, the director general of the EEF engineering employers' body, resigned abruptly yesterday, citing unspecified "personal reasons".

Although his departure, likely to take place before the end of the year, is linked with difficulties affecting plans to merge the EEF with the larger Confederation of British Industry, both sides feel that a merger is likely and may well be achieved next year.

Mr Johnson, who joined the EEF from Rover Group, the carmaker, 13 months ago, summoned staff at the EEF's London headquarters yesterday to tell them of his decision. He then left the building but has promised to be back at his desk on Monday.

Discussions on closer co-operation between the two business organisations began in April at the EEF's suggestion. Both sides commissioned a study from McKinsey, the management consultancy, which found that the EEF's lobbying activities were poorly rated while its regional services to member companies were rated well.

McKinsey recommended a merger that would involve savings of about £1 million a year and the loss of about 30 jobs in the two organisations as duplication is ended. EEF regions would retain their assets and the CBI's cash flow would be improved through more subscriptions.

Mr Johnson rejected the offer from the CBI of a new role as head of its manufacturing body, to be renamed the Engineering and Manufacturing Council, which was set up by the CBI partly to promote the resurgence of Britain's weakened manufacturing base and partly to try to draw the EEF into a merger. Previous merger talks failed because of the CBI's insistence on taking over the regional EEF's assets.

Detailed proposals for a link-up were to have gone before the CBI council on Wednesday. However, this has been postponed because of difficulties within the EEF over reaching a consensus.

Some EEF areas, including the West Midlands, have reservations about the merger. It is understood that Mr Johnson had made clear in recent days that the CBI offer to the EEF would not stay open indefinitely and that if it were rejected he would not necessarily be interested in staying with the EEF. Some EEF leaders believe that their reaction may have prompted Mr Johnson's resignation.

Power in the EEF lies with 15 regional federations and some are keen to see a merger.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Barclays to raise £300m through mortgages sale

BARCLAYS Bank plans to sell the mortgages of 9,000 customers in two mortgage-backed securitisation issues that will raise £300 million. The move comes hard on the heels of last week's £280 million securitisation of personal loans — the first time a UK clearing bank had done so. The bank is securitising 5 per cent of its total mortgage book of £11.7 billion. The assets backing the deals relate to mortgages written in 1989 by Barclays Home Mortgage business and its Direct Mortgage Service.

John Cheese, Barclays' personal sector marketing director, said the 9,000 mortgages used in the deals would continue to be administered by the bank and terms of mortgages would be unaffected. The advantage for Barclays is that it removes the mortgage assets, and therefore the risk, from the bank's balance sheet. The loans will be bought by Gracechurch Mortgage Finance.

DAF payoffs in balance

ALMOST 2,500 former Leyland DAF workers, dismissed when the firm went into receivership, will have to wait for an industrial tribunal to rule on a claim for compensation. The workers, from Lancashire, Birmingham and Glasgow, say they were dismissed without proper consultation. The company accepted, the tribunal in Manchester was told, that the 90-day consultation period had not been applied; it said the redundancies had been forced on it. The tribunal will issue a ruling in writing to the four unions involved.

National Savings rise

NATIONAL Savings contributed £275 million to government funding last month, compared with £227 million in August. Gross sales totalled £708 million, repayments £569 million and accrued interest £136 million. The highest net contribution came from Income Bonds at £121 million. Premium Bonds contributed £49 million, the highest figure to date. Fixed-Interest Certificates contributed £47 million and Capital Bonds £42 million. Gross receipts from Premium Bonds were a record £64 million.

Frogmore acquisition

FROGMORE Estates is buying the Hart Centre, a 100,000 sq ft shopping centre in Fleet, Hampshire, from Norwich Union for £13.5 million. Frogmore raised £43 million in a cash call on shareholders in June and the Hart acquisition will bring its investments since the beginning of the year to £40 million. Phillip Davies, Frogmore's chairman, said that further substantial deals were being negotiated. Bredero, the property company, has an underlease on the centre and will jointly manage it with Frogmore.

ICI sells at Teesside

ICI has sold assets on Teesside to Cleveland Chemicals for an undisclosed sum. Cleveland, a new company founded by Ian Alexander and Stephen Cash, former ICI employees, is buying redundant ICI plant at Billingham. It is also buying land and other assets to make fine and speciality chemicals. An ICI spokesman said the transaction was expected to create 30 jobs. The deal was a success for the team marketing the ICI Process Plant Park, launched two years ago to promote investment in unused areas of the Billingham site.

Dutch buy for Rugby

RUGBY, the building materials group, has acquired three Dutch joinery businesses at a total cost of £10.3 million. They are Heerlen, a manufacturer of wooden windows; Kegro, an external door maker; and Van Bruchem, which makes external doors. The three companies have net assets of £3.5 million. In the six months to June 30, they made aggregate pre-tax profits of £1 million on turnover of £14 million. Rugby's continental joinery businesses now have annual turnover of £90 million and employ more than 1,200 people.

Coach deal to MMC

THE £5.11 million acquisition by National Express of Glasgow-based Saltire Holdings last May has been referred to the monopolies commission by Tim Sainsbury, left, the industry minister. The referral followed a recommendation by the Office of Fair Trading because of concerns over competition in the operation of scheduled coach services, the trade department said. Saltire's main subsidiary is Scottish Citylink Coaches.

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TIE RACK: **Roy Bishko and Nigel McGinley**

Pulling together to form a powerful knot

partners in power

Susan Gilchrist meets the extrovert with vision and the "nuts and bolts" accountant who built a retail empire

MICHAEL POWELL

Roy Bishko, left, chairman, and Nigel McGinley, chief executive, have put the company back on the expansion trail, but at a more modest pace than last time

Some working relationships are like marriages. Some are more like acrimonious divorces. But the relationship between Roy Bishko, 49, chairman and founder of Tie Rack, and Nigel McGinley, 42, his chief executive, is more like that of father and son.

Surprisingly, it is Mr McGinley, the younger man, who takes on the father-figure role, smiling indulgently as his ebullient offspring chatters excitedly about his latest product and thrusts a brightly-coloured Dennis the Menace tie into your hand with the words "Isn't this fantastic".

Mr Bishko's irrepressible enthusiasm is understandable. After all, Tie Rack is his creation. From a heel bar in the Strand in London, this dimunitive South-African-born Jew has built the company into an international retail empire with 292 stores across 14 countries. As he often likes to say: "This is the smallest multinational in town." That is not to say it has all been plain-sailing. Aggressive expansion in the mid-1980s, particularly in America, plunged the company into losses and tarnished its dapper image in the City. But even before the red ink started to flow Mr Bishko, then chairman and chief executive, says he had started to feel "uneasy" about the roller-coaster rate of expansion. "I wanted someone in the company with financial expertise and a grasp of detail. With me, everything is a bit frantic. I am not well organised or structured."

He found his man in Nigel McGinley, then a director of Argyll Foods, a subsidiary of the Argyll supermarket group. "I was instantly impressed with him. He was conservative, careful and sensible. I knew he could bring the kind of attention to detail that was lacking." In spite of his dislike of accountants, whom he grudgingly describes as "necessary evils", Mr Bishko found himself genuinely liking this one. "There was a rapport straightaway. We got on really well."

Mr McGinley was appointed finance director of British operations in January 1987 and promoted to group finance director in March 1989. He was made group chief executive in January 1991. "Over time, Nigel increasingly became my right hand man."

Just how vital Mr McGinley was to both his boss and the company was made clear in 1989 when the pair tried to sort out the American operations. They decided to end the rapid store opening programme and see what could be salvaged from the existing chain. "We didn't have any accurate information about what was happening so Nigel went over there on a fact-finding mission. When he came back he put it all on a computer and ran the numbers so we could work out a strategy. He showed me the amount of money were were sending out there every week, and the numbers were so big I stopped sleeping. The result was I had to fly all over the country like Biggles trying to get all the landlords to give us rent reductions."

> 'The chairman's flair with people and the chief executive's ability with numbers paid off during a rescue operation in America'

The combination of Mr McGinley's ability with numbers and Mr Bishko's flair with people paid off again when they decided to close the central warehouse in Pennsylvania. "The landlord wanted $135,000 to break the contract. I called up Nigel in London and negotiated with him about how much we could afford to pay. He said that was too much and made me go back with another offer. We paid less than $90,000 in the end."

Mr Bishko believes the mistakes in America might never have happened if Mr McGinley had been around earlier. "Where I went wrong in America was underestimating the downside of expansion. The feasibility studies I had done were just not accurate. If Nigel had been there he would have gone into greater detail and checked the information more carefully." Four years on, Tie Rack is back on the expansion trail, but at a more modest pace. "I have learnt from Nigel to be more cautious."

The two are obviously very different, but Mr Bishko believes they make a powerful combination. "Nigel is a nuts and bolts type of guy. I am more of a product person. I depend greatly on him for his financial control, and he depends on me for instinct, for understanding what the market wants."

Although he disagrees with some of the Cadbury committee recommendations, he says there is "a certain wisdom" in splitting the roles of chairman and chief executive. "It is very lonely running a business, especially one with 1,170 members of staff. And the funny thing is I wouldn't know exactly how many we had if it weren't for Nigel."

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Nigel McGinley was not even looking for a new job when a former Argyll colleague, who had moved to Tie Rack, suggested he meet Roy Bishko. Mr McGinley was immediately attracted by the idea of a smaller, more entrepreneurial environment, which could offer more immediate opportunities.

He admits their first meeting was memorable, with Mr Bishko on his usual feisty form, talking animatedly about his products. "I thought this was certainly a guy who was very keen on his business. He was very passionate about Tie Rack which I liked. I thought it was a good sign." Mr Bishko's passion for the product is evident from his office, which has a large in-store display along one wall adorned with the latest ties, scarves and accessories. He often changes his tie several times a day to get a feel for the hundreds of new patterns produced each year, and will even try out those of his competitors — especially Ferragamo, for which he has a particular weakness.

In spite of Mr McGinley's more conventional career path he insists he was never daunted by his effusive chairman. Although Mr Bishko was essentially Tie Rack's creator he seemed happy to share power with his new recruit. "From the start, he was always willing to discuss things, and keen to get other people's input. And he never interfered in my job."

Nonetheless, he is clear where his boss's strengths lie. "Roy has a flair for this business that no one else in the industry has. He has a brilliant instinct, whereas I am more analytical and rely on facts. He is also very extrovert. When he goes round the shops, everyone's eyes light up, although he can scare some customers to death."

He admits Mr Bishko is sometimes "difficult" to control. "He has a million ideas, all of them with potential, but some of them difficult to do with the resources we have. So we will talk it through and come to an agreement. There is never any shouting or fallout. Usually, it is just a question of compromising on timing." The latest "idea" is mail order. "The idea is a good one," Mr McGinley says. "But if Roy had his way we would be placing an advert in the paper tomorrow. My concern is that we don't have the resources to provide a good service. I don't want a customer to wait a month for a tie they have ordered. We all want to do it, it is just a matter of how quickly."

His caution is a good foil for Mr Bishko's impetuousity just as his financial approach complements his chairman's marketing flair. "We look at things in a very different way. On a product promotion, for example, he looks at what the customers will think and how it will get people into the store. I tend to look at how the numbers stack up. But invariably we come up with the same conclusions."

He believes working with Mr Bishko has changed him for the better. "Roy has taught me to take a wider view. He really does have a vision, and he makes you think about where things will be further down the road. When I was at Argyll I just did my job and didn't really look at anything beyond it. Now there are no limits."

Large power users switch to alternative suppliers

By Ross Tieman, Industrial Correspondent

A THIRD of large industrial power users have switched to new electricity suppliers since the market was thrown open to competition 3½ years ago, Professor Stephen Littlechild, the electricity industry regulator, said.

The degree to which companies have been lured from local supply companies by aggressive rivals was revealed in a survey by Offer, the regulatory body, at a London conference on the impending lowering of competition thresholds from the present one-megawatt level.

From April 1 next year, sites using more than 100 kilowatts of power will no longer be obliged to take supplies from their local supply company. Offer estimates that an additional 50,000 companies will be free to buy power from rival regional companies or direct from generators.

Sites as small as schools, hospitals, office blocks and medium-sized industrial plants will fall within the competitive market for the first time.

As in the present competitive market, embracing some 5,000 consuming companies, the power sellers will be obliged to pay transmission charges to local supply companies for delivering the electricity through their low-voltage transmission systems.

The phased introduction of competition, which began in 1990, will be completed in 1998 when householders will be given the right to shop around for electricity supplies. The Offer survey shows that in the first years of competition, seven companies have competed aggressively to win new business.

PowerGen, the smaller of the two main private-sector generators, has pushed hard for new business. At the same time, six regional companies — Eastern, East Midlands, Northern, Seeboard, Southern and Yorkshire — have also been active.

Stephen Littlechild believes competition will grow

The remaining six regional supply companies have "little or no involvement" outside their areas, the regulatory body says. The biggest power users have been quickest to switch suppliers.

Although only a third of companies have switched allegiance, these companies account for more than half the power used in the market.

The number of sites buying power on contracts linked to the price of electricity in the pool, the industry's marketplace, has risen from 1,000 last year to 1,600 this year.

Since pool prices have stabilised, the proportion of new contracts related to them has risen to 50 per cent.

Professor Littlechild said: "Although it is too soon to tell how this pattern will develop in the above-100kW market, I am confident that there will be a significant expansion of the competitive market next year."

Ferruzzi rescue plan rejected

By Colin Narbrough

FERRUZZI, the stricken Italian agro-chemicals group, has had its rescue plan turned down by a group of foreign creditors, including Barclays Bank. But the group, which slumped to a 783 billion lire (£331 million) net loss in the first half, approved the 25 trillion lire rescue package, backed by the Italian banks, and announced a cash call for 2.48 trillion lire.

On the Milan stock exchange, news of the debt-strapped group's three-part capital increase produced bids for Ferruzzi shares of only about 30,000 lire a share, less than half Thursday's closing price. About 5 per cent was shorn off the price of shares in its main industrial holding, Montedison.

Ferruzzi shares were regrouped yesterday at one new share for every 200 old ones, a measure foreseen when the group announced in July that it was cutting the nominal value of its shares from 1,000 lire to five lire. The group, Italy's second-biggest private sector company, was also battered by the suicide in July of Raoul Gardini, its former chairman.

Five members of the Ferruzzi family have been under investigation for false reporting and fraud. The group's debts are more than 28 billion lire.

At the operating level, the group showed a net profit of 722 billion lire in the first half, up from 426 billion lire previously. Turnover rose to 11.5 trillion lire from 9.6 trillion; net debt came down to 22.6 trillion lire, from 23.3 trillion at the start of the year.

The non-Italian banks which consider Ferruzzi's restructuring plan unacceptable and want a new scheme drawn up are Barclays, Deutsche Bank, Union Bank of Switzerland and the American banks Credit Suisse First Boston and Citibank.

As private-sector capital calls threaten to overwhelm the Italian stock market, the government of Carlo Azeglio Ciampi, the prime minister, has managed to keep the privatisation programme on track, clearing the way for the sell-off of Credito Italiano, the country's sixth-biggest bank, early in December, through a public offering. Banca Commerciale Italiana will be privatised early next year.

IRI, the state holding company making the disposals, has agreed to limit individual shareholdings in the privatised banks to 3 per cent. Istituto Mobiliare Italiano, the credit company, is also earmarked for sale in January.

□ Carlo De Benedetti, president of Olivetti, the computer group, and Cesare Romiti, chief executive of Fiat, were among 64 people listed as suspects on Thursday by magistrates investigating corruption linked to Rome's underground railway.

□ NM Rothschild has been appointed adviser to the Italian treasury on the valuation and flotation of ENI group's energy business. The privatised company would be among the ten biggest energy groups worldwide.

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Shares surge to all-time peaks

STOCK MARKET

SHARE prices in London surged to all-time peaks, driven by a wave of demand from overseas investors and renewed hopes of another cut in interest rates in the not too distant future.

Sentiment was initially buoyed by strong overnight advances in New York and Hong Kong. But heavy buying of the futures market led the cash market higher, while strong overseas demand, particularly from America, fuelled the advance. Prices, however, were squeezed higher, with little stock on offer.

The FT-SE 100 index ended the account with a bang, touching a new intra-day high of 3,126.7 at one stage. In spite of a strong start on Wall Street, the FT-SE 100 ended below its best after late profit-taking, but still closed at an all-time high of 3,120.8, up 34.5 points, giving an 81.5 point gain over the two-week account.

Traders reported continued demand after hours. Second-liners saw a more moderate rise of 15.4 points to 3,479.8 for the FT-SE Mid 250. About £6.46 billion was added to share values. Volume was healthy, bolstered by strong overseas interest and new-time buying, reaching an active 799.1 million shares.

International shares led the way, but telecoms and selected media stocks again enjoyed some of the best gains in the wake of the proposed merger of Bell Atlantic and Tele-Communi-cations Inc in America.

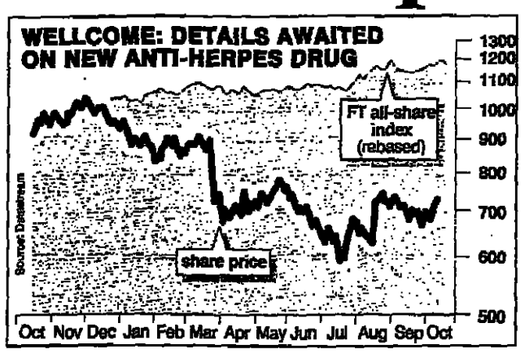
Sectors likely to benefit from any further relaxing in interest rates also made good progress, with banks, builders, stores and properties enjoying widespread advances.

Cable and Wireless, additionally buoyed by another strong rise in Hong Kong, touched a day's high of 995p, although the shares closed below their best, ending up 14p at 967p, on volume of 7.9 million, giving a two-day gain of 40p. **British Telecom**, boosted by broker recommendations, advanced 9½p to 456½p, on volume of 14 million, while **BT partly-paid** shares rose 9½p to 207p, against the 150p price that the BT3 shares were sold to the public in July. **Vodafone** climbed 8p to 559p.

Elsewhere, **News Corporation** jumped 25p to 506p, boosted by an upgrade by Moody's, while **News International**, owner of *The Times*, added 20p to 291p, lifted by a thumbs-up from the Office of Fair Trading over its price-cutting initiative in national newspapers. American demand helped **Reuters** gain 25p to £15.43p.

The Hong Kong market provided a fillip for **HSBC**, up 10p to 756p, while **Standard Chartered** firmed 10p to £10.24. Other banks were also in demand, with **Lloyds** up 14p to 577p, **Barclays** 11p better at 573p, **NatWest** up 6p to 565p, and **Abbey National** 8p better at 425p.

Wellcome stood out with a 14p gain to 756p before a conference and presentation in America next week where the group is expected to give a progress report on valaciclovir, a new anti-herpes drug that is to be a follow-up to the best-selling Zovirax.



Glaxo firmed 7p to 669p and **Medeva** 6p to 119p, but **Bespak** slid 42p to 488p on worries over about a leading American customer.

T&N, the motor components supplier, firmed 3p to 178p, on heavy volume of 5.6 million shares, with reports of 1.88 million shares sold at169p and placed at 171p.

Northern Foods remained a weak spot, off 5p to 242p, still unsettled by fears of a price war in the supermarkets after **Tesco** cut the price of milk. While **Unigate** fell 4p to 375p. Tesco firmed 1p to 203p, on volume of 7.4 million.

Asda rose ½p to 53¾p, on heavy volume of 17 million shares, in an overall stronger market amid talk that James Capel has cut its pre-tax profits forecasts. Dealers said Capel cut its forecast for 1993 earnings by £10 million to £195 million and its 1994 figure by £15 million to £230 million.

Unilever, up 21p to £11.15, and **Cadbury Schweppes**, 8p higher at 472p, were lifted by a reiterated buy recommendation from Hoare Govett and renewed buillish sentiment on brand-name products.

Defence shares made a drab showing amid fears of cutbacks in the Budget. GEC lost 9p to 344p, on volume of 9.3 million.

Micro Focus recovered 130p to £14.33p, recouping some of its recent losses, the company said.

☐ **GILT-EDGED**: The market opened higher and climbed across the board in thin trading, boosted by buoyant American bonds after the release of better than expected economic data.

The December long gilt future added 17 ticks to £114 7/32, on volume of 53,500 contracts. The Bank of England said the maturity of the next auction would be between 1997 and 2001. Details will be announced next week, before the auction on October 27.

PHILIP PANGALOS

WALL STREET

New York — Shares rose as options expirations, strength in the technology sector and favourable news on inflation buoyed the market. Towards the end of the morning, the Dow Jones industrial average was 15.37 points higher at 3,637.00, just off its high of 3,639.79.

☐ **Tokyo** — Shares ended modestly firmer, but off the day's highs in relatively active trading. The Nikkei average ended at 20,174.42, up 91.61 points. (*Reuter*)

	Oct 15 midday	Oct 14 close
AMP Inc	64¾	64¾
AMR Corp	65¼	65¾
Abbott Labs	37¼	37¼
Aetna Life	63¾	64
Ahmanson (HF)	19¾	19¾
Air Prod & Chem	40	39¾
Albertson's	25¾	26
Alcan Aluminum	33¼	30
Alco Standard	45¾	45¾
Allied Signal	71¼	71¼
Alum Co of Am	66¼	66¾
Amax	23¾	23
Amerada Hess	53¾	53¾
Amer Brands	34	34¾
Amer Cyanamid	57¼	57¼
Amer El Power	39	38¼
Amer Express	35¾	36¾
Amer Genl Corp	33¾	33¾
Amer Home Pr	62¾	62¾
Amer Intl	93	92¾
Amer Stores	40¾	40¾
Amer T & T	61	60¾
Ameritech	88	87¾
Amoco	57	56¾
Anheuser-Busch	49¼	47¾
Apple Computer	27¼	23¾
Archer Daniels	22¼	22¾
Arkla	8¾	8¼
Armco	5	5¼
Armstrng Wrld	44¼	41¼
Asarco	17¼	17¼
Ashland Oil	34¾	34¼
Atl Richfield	111¼	111¼
Auto Data Pro	52¼	51¼
Avery Dennison	26	25¾
Avon Products	52¼	53¼
Baker Hughes	21¾	21¼
Baltimr Gas & El	26¼	26¾
Banc One	42¾	42¾
BankAmerica	45	45¾
Bank of NY	55¾	56
Bankers Tr NY	81¼	81¼
Barnet Banks	43¾	43¾
Bausch & Lomb	48¾	48¼
Baxter Intl	22¾	23
Becto Dickinsn	38¼	38¾
Bell Atlantic	66¼	65¾
BellSouth	63¼	60¼
Black & Decker	19¼	19¾
Block (H&R)	39¼	39¾
Boeing	38¾	38¼
Boise Cascade	20¾	20¾
Borden Inc	18	17¾
Bristol Myrs Sq	57¼	57¼
Browning Ferris	22¾	22¼
Burlington Nthn	49¾	48¾
CBS	35¾	34¼
CNA Financial	83¼	82¼
CPC Intl	47¼	47¼
CSX	76¼	75
Campbell Soup	41¼	40¾
Can Pacific	16	15¾
Cpl Cities ABC	612	592¼
Cpl Holdings	43¾	42¼
Carolina Pwr	32¾	31¼
Caterpillar	80¼	80¾
Central & SW	32¾	32¾
Champion Intl	29	29
Chase Manhat	36¼	36¼
Chemical Bk	43¾	43¾
Chevron Corp	95¾	95¾
Chrysler	52¾	51¼
Chubb Corp	83¾	83¾
Cigna Corp	65¼	65¾
Citicorp	37¾	38¼
Clorox	53	51¼
Coastal Corp	26¼	26¾
Coca Cola	44	44¼
Colgate-Palmolive	56¾	57¼
Columbia Gas	25¾	25
Commonw Ed	30¼	29¾
Compaq Comp	61¼	60¼
Comp Ass Int	35	34¾
Conagra	27¼	26¾
Cons Edison	36	35¾
Cons Nat Gas	50¼	49¾
Cons Rail	58¾	57¼
Cooper Inds	49¾	50
Corning Inc	26	26¾
Crown Cork	37¾	37¼
Dana Corp	57¼	56¼
Dayton Hudson	68¾	67¼
Deere	73¾	73¼
Delta Air Lines	54¼	54¾
Deluxe Corp	35	34¾
Detroit Edison	33¼	33¾
Digital Equip	37¾	37¾
Dillard Dept St	36¼	35¼
Disney (Walt)	43¾	43¼
Dominion Res	48¾	48¾
Donelley (RR)	26¼	26¼
Dover Corp	54¾	52¾
Dow Chemical	58	58¼
Dow Jones	35¾	35¼
Dresser	21¼	21¼
Duke Power	43¾	42¼
Dun & Bradstreet	62¼	62¾
Du Pont	46¼	46¼
Eastman Kodak	59¾	58¾
Eaton Corp	48¾	48¼

	Oct 15 midday	Oct 14 close
Emerson Elec	56¼	56¼
Engelhard Corp	28¾	28¼
Enron Corp	35¾	36
Entergy Corp	38	39
Ethyl Corp	17¼	17¼
Exxon	64¼	64¼
FMC Corp	50¼	49¾
FPL Group	39¾	39¾
Federal Express	65¼	65
Fed Nat Mtge	81¼	81¼
First Chicago	48¼	48¼
First Interstate	64¼	65¼
First Union Rlty	11¼	11¼
Fleet Finl Grp	33¾	33¼
Fluor Corp	39¾	39¾
Ford Motor	57¾	57¼
GTE Corp	38¼	38¾
Gannett	50¼	49¾
Gap Inc Del	32¾	32¼
Gen Dynamics	96¼	95¼
Gen Electric	98¾	96¼
Gen Mills	66¼	64¼
Gen Motors	44¾	44¼
Gen Reinsurance	119	119¾
Gen Signal	33¾	33¾
Genuine Parts	37¾	37¼
Georgia Pac	59¾	59¼
Gillette	60¼	60
Glaxo ADR	20¼	20¾
Goodrich (BF)	42¾	43¼
Goodyear Tire	45¾	45¾
Grace (WR)	35¼	35¼
Grt Atl Pac Tea	25¾	25¼
Great Wstn Fin	19¾	19¾
Halliburton	34¾	35¼
Harcourt General	45¾	44¼
Heinz (HJ)	38¼	37¾
Hercules	97	94¼
Hershey Foods	53¼	52¾
Hewlett Packard	69¾	68¾
Hilton Hotels	49¾	47¾
Home Depot	38¼	38
Homestake Mng	18¼	18¼
Honeywell	34¼	34¼
Household Intl	80¼	80¼
Houston Inds	48¾	47¼
Humana	13¼	13¼
ITT Corp	92¾	92
Illinois Tool	39¾	39¼
INCO	20¼	19¾
Ingersoll Rand	36¼	35¼
Inland Steel	30	30¼
Intel Corp	66	64¼
IBM	43¼	42¾
Intl Flav & Fr	106¾	104¼
Intl Paper	57¼	56¼
James River Va	20¾	21¼
Jhnsn & Jhnsn	41¼	40¾
K Mart	24	24
Kellogg	56¼	52¾
Kerr-McGee	50¾	50¾
Kimberly-Clark	53¾	53
Knight-Ridder	55	53¾
Lilly (Eli)	52¾	52¼
Limited Inc	23¾	23¼
LIN Broadcsting	114¼	115
Lincoln Nat	47¾	47¾
Litton	63¼	62¼
Lt Clifborne	21¼	21¼
Lockheed Corp	65¼	65¼
Louisiana Pac	31¼	31¼
MCI Commun	29¾	29¾
Marriott Int	26	26
Marsh & McLnn	82¼	82¼
Masco Corp	30	29¾
Mattel Inc	43¾	43¼
Maytag Corp	15¾	15¾
McCaw Cellular	56¼	56¼
McDonalds	54¼	54¼
McDonnell D	93¾	93¼
McGraw Hill	72¾	70¼
Mead Corp	40	40¾
Medtronic	74	73
Mellon Bk	57¾	57¼
Melville Corp	44¼	44¼
Merck Inc	31¼	31¼
Merrill Lynch	99¾	99¾
Minnesota Mine	104¼	104¼
Mobil Corp	82¾	83
Monsanto	68¾	67¾
Morgan (JP)	76¼	77¾
Motorola Inc	105¾	104¼
Natl Medical	11¼	11¼
Natl Semi	17¼	17
Natl Service Ind	26¾	25¼
Navistar Int	22¾	21¼
NBD Bancorp	33¾	33¾
NY Times A	25¾	25¼
Newmont Mng	50¾	51
Nlag Mohawk	23¾	23¾
Nike B	49¾	49¾
NL Industries	5¼	5
Nordstrom	33¼	31¼
Norfolk Sthrn	65¾	64¾
Nthn State Pwr	45¾	45¾
Norwest Corp	28	27¼
Nynex Corp	45¾	45¾
Occidental Pet	20	20¼
Ohio Edison	24¼	24¼
Oracle Systems	64¼	63¾

	Oct 15 midday	Oct 14 close
Oryx Energy Co	24¼	24¼
Owens Corning	45¼	46
PNC Financial	29¾	29¾
PPG Industries	65¾	65¾
Pacific Inc	63¾	62¾
Pacificorp	20	19¾
Pac Enterprises	26¾	26¼
Pac Gas & Elect	36¼	36
Pac Telesis	35¾	35
Pall Corp	19¼	19¾
Panhandle East	25	24¼
Paramnt Comm	76¼	76¼
Parker Hannifin	36¼	36¼
Penney (JC)	46¾	46¾
Pennzoil	58	57¼
Pepsico	40¾	40¼
Pfizer	61¼	60¾
Phelps Dodge	41¾	42
Philadel Elec	32¾	32¾
Philip Morris	54	52¼
Phillips Pet	34¼	34¼
Pitney Bowes	39¾	38¼
Polaroid	33¾	33¾
Price Co	39¾	40
Primerica	48¾	48¼
Procter & Gmbl	52¾	52¾
Pub Serv E & G	34¼	34¼
Quaker Oats	72¾	69¾
Ralston Purina	37¼	37¼
Raychem Corp	40¾	39¾
Raytheon	62¾	62¼
Reebok Intl	26¼	25¾
Reynolds Metals	43¾	44¾
Roadway Svcs	58¾	58
Rockwell Intl	35¾	35¾
Rohm & Haas	49¾	49¼
Royal Dutch	104¼	103¾
Rubbermaid	36¼	36¼
Safeco Corp	64	63¾
St Paul's Cos	90¾	90¼
Salomon Inc	49¾	49¾
Santa Fe Pac	19	19¼
Sara Lee Corp	27¾	28¼
Scecorp	22¾	23
Schering Plough	68¾	68¾
Schlumberger	63¼	63¾
Scott Paper	32¾	32¾
Seagram	28¾	27¾
Sears Roebuck	57¾	57¾
Shell Trans	63¾	62
Sherwin Wllms	35¾	36¾
Skyline Corp	17	17¼
Snap-On-Tools	38¼	38¾
Southern Co	45¾	45¾
Sthwestern Bell	43¾	42¾
Sprint Corp	39¾	39¾
Stanley Works	41¼	41
Sun Company	30	29¾
Sunbrust	44¼	44¾
Supervalu	32¾	32¾
Synnex Corp	17¾	17¾
Sysco Corp	30¼	29¾
TRW Inc	66¾	66¾
Tandem Comp	12¾	12¾
Tandy Corp	37	36
Telecom Corp	2¾	2¾
Teledyne	25¾	25¾
Temple Inland	38	38¾
Tenneco	52¾	52¾
Texaco	66¾	65¾
Texas Inst	66	63
Texas Utilities	45¾	46¾
Textron	56¾	56
Time Warner	46¾	46¾
Times-Mirror	33¾	33¾
Timken	30¾	30¾
Torchmark	54¾	53¾
Toys 'R Us	30¾	30¾
Transamerica	62	62
Travelers Corp	38¾	38¾
Tribune	54¾	53¾
Tyco Labs	42¼	42¾
UAL Corp	144¾	145¼
UST Inc	30¾	29¾
USX Marathon	19¾	19¾
Unilever NV	116½	114¾
Union Camp	39¾	38¾
Union Carbide	19¾	19¾
Union Pacific	59¾	58
Unisys Corp	12	12
USAIR Group	12¾	13¾
USF&G Corp	14	14
US Life	44¾	44
US West	50¾	49¾
United Tech	57¼	57¼
Unocal Corp	29¾	28¾
Upjohn	31¼	32¼
VF Corp	46	45¾
WMX Tech	28¾	28¼
Wal-Mart Stores	28¾	28¾
Warner-Lambert	69¾	68¾
Wells Fargo	123¾	123¾
Westinghouse El	13¾	13¾
Weyerhaeuser	37¾	38
Whirlpool	62¾	61¾
Whittaker	15¾	15¾
Winn Dixie	59¾	58¾
Woolworth	24¾	24¾
Wrigley (Wm) Jr	46¾	46¾
Xerox	72¾	72¾

In the insurance investment funds tables below, and unit trust information service on page 34, the bids and offers are correct for yesterday, but the change on week figures are incorrect because of computer problems at Fintal, our source.

Greycoat hopes revive

By Carl Mortished

SHARES in Greycoat, the property group, raced ahead on hopes of an imminent rescue by the UK Active Value Fund, a £60 million investment fund backed by Julian Tregor and Brian Myerson, both South Africans. The fund has hired Samuel Montagu, the merchant bank, to structure a deal, but Greycoat has yet to receive a formal offer.

Greycoat ordinary shares jumped 15 per cent, to 31p; the company's 9½ per cent preference shares gained 5 per cent, to 59p. Holders of Greycoat preference shares last week blocked a rescue by Postel, the pension fund.

Greycoat's board confirmed that it had received approaches from interested parties but said no formal offer had been received; it indicated that definitive proposals were unlikely to emerge before the end of next week. The UK Active Value Fund owns 18 per cent of the ordinary shares.

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Hang Seng soars to record close

From Reuter in Hong Kong

HONG KONG'S soaring stock market staged its hottest rally since China and Britain announced six months ago that they would discuss the colony's democratic future.

The Hang Seng index vaulted 351.58 points, or 4.18 per cent, to a record close of 8,763.98 points. It was the biggest gain since April 14, when it jumped 371.53 points to 6,789.74, after an announcement that the Sino-British talks would begin after months of wrangling.

Brokers said that foreign buying and a perception, however remote, of a possible breakthrough on the talks had spurred the market.

The index has gained 59 per cent so far this year, and broke through 8,000 points only last week. Turnover has soared and, while some are nervous about the recent ascent, the consensus is that the trend is still higher.

Brokers said that shares had begun surging in London overnight after Chris Patten, the governor of Hong Kong, indicated that Britain was prepared to treat reforms for local elections next year and for legislative polls in 1995 separately in talks with China.

Aides denied that constituted a concession, and said it did not change the need to reach an agreement on both sets of elections within weeks rather than months.

Richard Witts, managing director of United Mok Ying Kie, a brokerage firm, said: "The market has taken this as hope that there may be some sort of conciliatory factors at work here ..." Antony Burpee, deputy director of institutional dealing at Pierson Asia, agreed the perception of a breakthrough had eased uncertainty.

"The prime reason we're up is that this is perceived as being Patten's first [major] concession to the Chinese," Mr Burpee said.

Yesterday, Mr Patten cancelled a trip to Europe, to have begun after discussions with the Cabinet in London next month, because he wanted to be in Hong Kong for important decisions, a spokesman said.

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:		
Barclays	573p	(+11p)
Cable Wireless	967p	(+14p)
Lloyds	577p	(+14p)
SG Warburg	885p	(+23p)
Allied Lyons	583p	(+14p)
Matthew Clark	555p	(+17p)
RMC Group	806p	(+13p)
C Salvesen	363p	(+10p)
ICI	729p	(+10p)
Siebe	533p	(+13p)
Takeda Chem	812p	(+14p)
Wellcome	756p	(+14p)
Bristol Scotts	73p	(+10p)
Thomson Corp	775p	(+30p)
Sappi	393p	(+20p)
Peel	340p	(+11p)
BAT	486p	(+18p)
Courts Furn	743p	(+23p)
FALLS:		
Wm Sinclair	190p	(-8p)
Tiphook	129p	(-8p)
Wardle Storeys	435p	(-13p)
Betterware	195p	(-8p)

Closing Prices Page 33

RECENT ISSUES

Anglian Water Wrts	115	-1
Crockfords (90)	114	+7
For & Col Special Inc	70	...
For & Col Spl Capital	42	...
For & Col Spl Units	112	...
Hamlet (130)	139	...
Ivory & Sime Ent Cap	78	...
Ivory & Sime Ent Cap Wts	13	...
Parkdean Leisure (120)	129	+1
Regent A	5	...
Select Industries	10	...
Shield Diagnostics (112)	100	+2
VHE Holdings (115)	115	+1
Wiggins Group	3¼	...

RIGHTS ISSUES

Adwest n/p (140)	26	-2
Britannia n/p (35)	¼	...
Flagstone n/p (1)	¼	...
Friendly Hotels n/p (150)	5	...
JIB Group n/p (150)	23	...
MB-Caradon n/p (260)	77	...
Perry Group n/p (160)	9	...
Phoenix Timber n/p (8)	2½	...
Wiggins Group n/p (2½)	¼	...

UNIT-LINKED INSURANCE INVESTMENTS

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/- %	Yld %
AEGON LIFE ASSURANCE				
Aegon House, Lunark Square, London EC4 9XS 071 538 8800				
Series Mngd Pd	428.60	453.60	+ 1.90	...
Series Equity	542.10	573.70	+ 0.60	...
Series Prop Fd	412.10	436.10	+ 0.10	...
Series Fixed Int	327.30	346.40	+ 1.70	...
Series Money Fd	242.40	256.60	+ 0.30	...
Series Overs Fd	340.20	360.10	+ 4.70	...
AETNA LIFE INSURANCE				
2-12 Pentonville Road, London N1 9XD 0800 010525				
Life Funds				
Squirrel	17.40	18.32	...	...
Bear	19.17	20.18	- 0.08	...
Owl	19.19	20.20	- 0.14	...
Bull	17.31	18.23	- 0.05	...
Stag	18.43	19.40	- 0.12	...
Gilt Edged	18.86	18.86	...	...
Deposit	15.33	15.33	+ 0.01	...
Pensions				
Squirrel	23.25	24.48	+ 0.01	...
Bear	25.73	27.09	- 0.10	...
Owl	25.70	27.06	- 0.21	...
Bull	21.96	23.12	- 0.09	...
Stag	22.77	23.97	- 0.17	...
Gilt Edged	23.23	23.23	+ 0.01	...
Deposit	19.48	19.48	+ 0.01	...
Pre 1982 Series				
3-Way Pund	564.88	594.09	- 5.45	...
1982 Series				
UK Equity	335.30	352.95	- 5.50	...
N Amer Equity	284.34	299.21	+ 2.24	...
Far East Equity	395.71	416.54	+ 2.48	...
Fixed	292.55	311.10	+ 0.05	...
Cash Deposit	197.41	207.81	+ 0.07	...
Property	140.72	148.13	- 0.08	...
Special Opp	361.94	380.99	- 8.68	...
Managed	296.82	312.45	- 2.21	...
Index-Linked Fd	193.55	203.74	+ 0.22	...
ABBEY LIFE				
Holdestown Road, Bournemouth BH5 1BA. 0202 292375				
Property Pd Inc	261.40	275.20	...	...
-do- Acc	459.70	483.90	...	...
Equity Pd Inc	167.30	176.20	- 0.10	...
-do- Acc	217.20	228.70	- 0.20	...
Selective Pd	472.00	496.90	...	...
Money Fd	362.60	381.70	...	...
Prop Fd Ser 4	358.10	377.00	...	...
Equity Ser 4	209.20	220.30	- 0.20	...
Man Ser 4	645.20	678.20	+ 1.80	...
Conv Ser 4	317.30	334.10	...	...
Money Ser 4	317.10	333.80	...	...
Fixed Int Ser 4	345.80	364.10	- 0.50	...
American Ser 4	497.30	523.50	+10.30	...
Mkt Inc Ser 4	344.00	362.10	+ 0.60	...
Indexed Inv Ser 4	213.50	224.80	+ 0.10	...
Japan Ser 4	366.90	386.30	- 2.70	...
ALBANY LIFE				
3 Darkes Lane, Potters Bar EN6 1AJ 0707 42311				
Equity Pd Acc	1498.7	1577.5	-12.70	...
European Pd Acc	341.02	358.90	+ 0.50	...
Fixed Int Acc	530.80	558.70	+ 1.20	...
Gtd Money Acc	322.10	339.00	+ 0.10	...
Intl Managed Acc	574.30	604.50	+ 1.50	...
Int Fxd Int Acc	325.50	342.50	+ 1.80	...
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Balanced Fund	630.29	663.47	- 1.81	...
Smlr Cos Recov	634.04	667.42	- 0.89	...
N Amer & Genrl	373.96	393.65	+ 5.60	...
Pacific Basin	412.39	434.10	+ 9.35	...
German Growth	230.35	242.48	+ 4.69	...
Japan Growth	184.01	193.70	- 2.07	...
The UK Gth Fd	198.48	208.93	- 0.82	...
Cntrl Euro Gth	120.72	127.08	+ 0.64	...
Property Fund	298.06	314.04	+ 0.76	...
Fixed Interest	344.53	331.09	+ 0.01	...
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Managed Inv	466.75	491.32	+ 0.33	...
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A legacy of ill will in the family

Dying intestate has never been sensible. Among today's step- and single-parent families it can be completely disastrous. **Liz Dolan** reports

A modern Gothic horror story, published on Monday to coincide with the Law Society's annual Make a Will Week, illustrates just how bad life can get when people die intestate.

It goes as follows. A young wife dies in tragic circumstances, leaving a widower, Mark, and their two children. The wife, Wendy, has not made a will. Mark inherits all her possessions, including a property formerly in her name, and several family heirlooms. He then marries Sandra, herself already a mother, and the two have a baby.

Mark, who should have known better, has still not bothered to make a will when he is killed in a car crash. Worn out by grief and the problems involved with bringing up four children, Sandra develops terminal cancer. Incredibly, she too dies intestate. Sandra's two children, including the one she had before meeting Mark, inherit the entire estate, right down to Wendy's grandmother's jewellery. They move in with relatives. Mark and Wendy's two get nothing and end up in care.

It is a tale that transcends the bounds of credibility, agrees its author, Imogen Clout. But its inclusion in a new booklet, *Where there's a Will, there's a Way: Making a Will in a Stepfamily**, exaggerates to make a point. Although Mark, Wendy and Sandra's story is fictitious, it is an amalgam of several real-life situations, she says.

While dying intestate has never been particularly sensible, it is even less so nowadays, when the increasing numbers of divorced and unmarried couples and second and third marriages can create family networks of quite amazing complexity. Intestacy laws still tend to hark back to the days when divorce was a rarity, and the children of unmarried, but cohabiting, parents virtually unheard of. People now have the right to challenge decisions through the courts, but legal proceedings are expensive, and the costs always come out of the estate, says Ms Clout, who is both a step-parent and a solicitor specialising in family law.

Thirty-five per cent of new marriages — averaging 350 a day — now involve at least one person who has been married before. Not all will have children, but many do. Nigel Shepherd, a partner with Lace Mawer, a Manchester solicitor, says: "Where step families are concerned, the situation is a lot more complicated, a lot more fraught.

"When people remarry, the new partner automatically ends up with all, or most, of the estate if there is no will. When you have a second family, it is essential to consider what you want to happen to your possessions."

Marriage always negates the terms of any pre-existing will. Divorce does not revoke the terms of either former partner's will completely, but it cancels out any bequests to the husband or wife. This is made clear on the decree nisi form, but is not always noticed.

It is also important to select a guardian to care for the children if both parents die before they are old enough to look after themselves, Mr Shepherd says. This may be done simply by making a formal record of the appointment in writing, to be signed and dated in the presence of two witnesses. Their signatures must also appear on the document. Every time a new baby is born, the deed must be adapted accordingly.

> Children could lose everything. There might be no guardian to care for them

It is normally better to name the guardian in the will, Ms Clout says. "The reason why a will is better is that at the same time you also provide financially for the child and, if necessary, for the guardian while she or he looks after the child. This is an important consideration."

Whether or not guardians are provided for in the will, they qualify for a small "guardian allowance" of £10.95 a week per child. Basic child benefit of £10 for the oldest child (this includes any children already in the guardian's care) and £8.10 for each of the others is also payable. Applicants for the guardian allowance should use *Form BG1*, available from Department of Social Security offices. In the case of a married couple, the wife is always the applicant. Benefits can only be backdated for six months.

The possessions of those who die intestate are divided according to strict rules. Married couples with no close relatives inherit each others' possessions in full. Where the estate is worth less than £75,000, the surviving spouse also inherits in full, even where there are children.

For estates above £75,000, the surviving spouse inherits up to £125,000 cash, plus chattels. He or she retains complete control over half of any remaining assets, plus a lifetime interest in the other half, which is automatically divided equally between the children on his or her death.

Children of unmarried parents who die intestate inherit equal shares of the estate at 18.

In the absence of a surviving spouse or children, relatives of those dying intestate inherit in strict sequence, starting with parents and ending with the offspring of half-uncles and aunts.

Solicitors normally advise against Do-It-Yourself wills because of possible mistakes. The Consumers' Association sees no reason why simple wills should not be made using DIY packs, available from stationers. However, in cases that are in any way complicated, a solicitor should always be consulted.

For simple wills, solicitors in England and Wales charge between £40 and £60 plus VAT for one person, or between £60 and £90 for two. More complex arrangements can cost a lot more. Consequently, clients are advised to sort out their needs and wishes as far as possible before they phone, visit or write to their solicitors. Where several relationships are involved, the provision of a family tree may be useful, so that solicitors can spot anyone who may inadvertently have been missed out of the reckoning.

The Inheritance Act 1975 was designed to prevent the disinheritance of people considered to have a reasonable claim on the estate. These include close family members and dependants, past or present.

John Rochman, senior partner with London solicitor Rochman Landau, says: "Even though there has been a divorce settlement, there is always a risk that previous dependants will contest the will. To defuse a possible attack, it is worth inserting a clause along the lines of: 'I have reviewed my obligations to X and consider that I have already made proper and adequate provision.' Courts will always have regard to the wishes of the deceased." Mr Rochman cites a case where a woman contested the will of her ex-husband, who had made a lot of money after the couple were divorced.

"We settled out of court for a lump sum," he says.

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Jinna Sabiaga and her son, Daniel, exemplify what can go wrong when parents marry more than once. Daniel's mother says she was the fifth wife of Lord Moynihan, who died in 1991, but doubts about the marriage's legality mean the title is likely to go to the peer's half-brother, former sports minister Colin.

Different but simpler in Scotland

SCOTS should be particularly wary of the Do-It-Yourself will packs available in stationers, the Law Society of Scotland warns. According to Bruce Ritchie, deputy secretary (private practice), there is a real danger that they will pick up a pack designed for the English and Welsh, who are governed by a totally different legal system.

Mr Ritchie also preaches caution about will writing companies "who are often simply after a fast buck, usually by trying to sell insurance at the same time. They have probably spent a couple of days training in a hotel, mostly geared to selling," he says. Scottish lawyers normally charge between £30 and £50 "unless it is some complicated tax avoidance thing". Under Scottish law, the surviving spouse of someone who dies intestate has what are called "prior rights", set out in the Succession, Scotland Act, 1964. They are entitled to up to £65,000 in "land and buildings" (usually the family home), plus up to £12,000 in furnishings and fittings. If that part of the estate is worth more, the surviving spouse is obliged either to buy out the other beneficiaries, or to sell up and divide the proceeds.

Blood relatives who qualify for a share of the estate have the option of allowing the widow or widower to remain in their home until death, or even of waiving their rights altogether. However, says Mr Ritchie: "There is nothing quite like a death to bring out the worst in people. In cases where someone dies intestate, relatives can behave in the most extraordinary ways."

If there are no children, the surviving spouse qualifies for a further £35,000 of the rest of the estate, plus half the remainder. The other half goes to the nearest blood relative or, if there is none, it goes to the crown. Where children are involved, the widow or widower gets the first £21,000 of remaining assets, plus one third of the residue. The children and grandchildren normally share the remaining two-thirds.

In Scotland, neither marriage nor birth invalidates a will made previously, although both surviving spouse and children will have a legal right to a portion of the estate.

Be wary of tax relief sales pitch

COMMENT

LINDSAY COOK

Deputy Business Editor

Tax advisers are getting a second bite at the cherry this year. The November Budget is a second bumper selling opportunity. "Buy now, before tax relief is scrapped" is usually a spring song, but this year it is getting another chorus.

Buy houses, endowments, pensions, business expansion schemes and any other item that could lose any of its tax benefits in the Budget, goes the argument of the salesman. Times are hard and the Chancellor has given warning of a tough Budget. This could hit the multi-billion pound reliefs enjoyed by investors, homebuyers and pension scheme members.

The tax-free lump sum is a big selling point of endowments, since life assurance premium relief was scrapped in a Budget a decade ago. The lump sum may be getting smaller as bonuses are cut, but no matter, so long as there is no tax to pay. But, says the sales pitch, the Chancellor could just start taxing the lump sum on policies sold after November 30.

After all, tax changes are never retrospective in this country, the salesmen might argue. But investors should not rush to buy on the grounds of tax savings alone. After all, they have to pay in their contributions for 25 years before the tax-free lump sum materialises. Nor should they be so certain that this government would not change the tax rules on their investments retrospectively.

The 10 million homebuyers who are to receive tax relief at the 20 per cent rate on their mortgage interest payments from next April, might feel the cut from 25 per cent is retrospective, as might those who enjoyed tax relief at the top rate of 40 per cent until the 1991 Budget.

Do not be fooled by insurance salesmen. However garrulous Kenneth Clarke is in the run-up to the Budget, they will know nothing that you do not, except how much commission they will earn from the sale.

Some in the pensions industry are almost hoping for some tinkering on pensions tax benefits. "He could not bring it in before April. We would have four months of selling before any reduction in the tax benefits could be imposed," they argue.

Cutting the tax relief on premiums to the 20 per cent rate could be a target. Double your tax relief while stocks last could well be the industry-wide slogan.

Business expansion schemes are doing tremendous business this year, thanks to Norman Lamont's announcement that they were being phased out at the end of December. These "can't lose" investments in properties for rent attract tax relief at the top rate on the first £40,000 invested each year. There is no capital gains tax to pay either. Added to that is the feel good factor of helping the poor, those who cannot afford to buy a home.

Unfortunately, what the salesmen and sponsors of the myriad schemes now being sold often fail to remind those who are buying is that very many of those with maturing schemes are now facing losses that they cannot even set against capital gains tax.

The schemes which seem safest at the outset, have the worst outcome. This seems to be the rule of thumb. When asset-backed schemes were being sold hard because the government was likely to exempt them, thousands of investors piled in, and are now ruing the day. The same goes for the thousands — many the same people who had got their fingers burnt with the asset-backed schemes — who raced into close company assured tenancy schemes in 1988. They were too good to be true, with tax relief in double dollops on the loan to invest and on the investment. But, unfortunately, big losses are being sustained on both asset-backed and close company schemes.

The schemes are a warning to anyone who rushes to invest for tax reasons alone. Investments must be made for proper reasons and in full knowledge of who it is that stands to gain most from the sale.

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Revenue faces legal battle on axed tax relief

A £95 million fund investing in London Docklands has been hit by tax officials withdrawing approval. **Jill Insley** reports

The launch of a high-profile fund has been thrown into disarray by the withdrawal of tax relief by the Inland Revenue. Matrix Securities, the firm behind the scheme, is challenging the Revenue action through judicial review.

Matrix Securities was seeking £95 million for an enterprise zone trust (EZT) investing in London's Docklands.

EZTs invest in commercial property in "enterprise zones" — deprived areas in which the government seeks to promote business by offering tax benefits. Investors who buy units in an EZT can benefit from tax relief at their highest rate on the portion of their money that is invested in property.

Matrix Securities' South Quay Trust intended to invest all of its money in property. Investors were invited to buy a minimum of 25 units, at £1,000 each. However, they only had to pay £325 in cash for each unit. The remaining £675 was to be provided as a non-status loan by Hill Samuel Bank. Interest on the loan was to be covered by rental income from the properties bought by South Quay Trust. Hill Samuel was prepared to guarantee this arrangement, and guaranteed proceeds sufficient to pay off investors' loans in full.

Remarkably, at the same time, higher-rate taxpayers were to receive a tax rebate for £392, or a return of 20.6 per cent, for each £1,000 unit. They would also benefit from any proceeds from property sales.

The Revenue initially approved the scheme. In the first month after its launch, Matrix pulled in £40 million.

Last week, however, the Revenue changed its mind. Peter Bridgman, director of Matrix Securities, says that the Revenue sent a fax to Matrix Securities rescinding its "unequivocal approval".

Matrix met the Revenue this week in an unsuccessful attempt to negotiate. Mr Bridgman said: "They would not say why they've changed their minds. As a company, we are surprised that, having received official approval for a scheme, the Inland Revenue can backtrack on that. This has an impact on all clearances on tax-based schemes."

Mr Bridgman says that whereas other property has holding costs pushing up the rates at which it could be rented or leased, the guaranteed structure of the trust would allow South Quay property to be marketed at very competitive rates. "That is fundamental to the success of Canary Wharf," he said.

Eleanor Graham, a Revenue spokeswoman, confirmed that Mr Justice Laws has given leave for judicial review. She said: "The Revenue has been ordered to file evidence by the close of Monday, October 18. The case will be heard on Tuesday, October 19, and is *sub judice*."

Mr Bridgman says that the Revenue is arguing some points relevant to the tax clearance, but he refuses to disclose exactly what has caused the problem. He said: "Investors have adjusted their finance to invest in the scheme. To act like this is nothing short of appalling. If necessary, we will go to the Court of Appeal and the House of Lords."

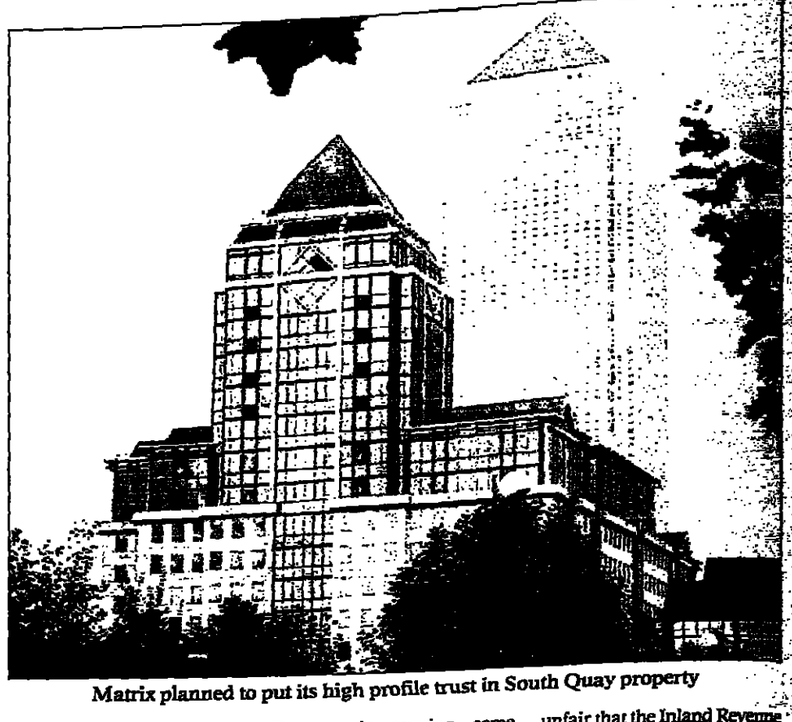
Daman Sanders, associate director of Morgans Independent Advisors, says that his firm has already subscribed to a £5 million investment in the South Quay Trust and was aiming to invest £15 million.

Mr Sanders said: "Hopping mad just about sums up my feelings on the subject. I've put my own money, as well as investors', into the scheme. Our clients' average investment is £100,000. We will lose face with our clients, and are unlikely to be able to repeat that type of business. It is unfair that the Inland Revenue can give unequivocal approval and then withdraw it."

Gerald Epstein, senior partner of Downham Trains and Epstein, chartered accountants in Manchester, says that his firm has considerable experience of using EZTs as tax mitigation and was intending to invest between £12 million and £20 million of clients' money in the South Quay scheme.

"We've never seen anything like a clearance being removed in this way," Mr Epstein said. "I don't think there will be many clearances given in the future and I'm not sure that they will matter. They won't be worth the paper they are written on."

The offer period for the scheme was due to close on November 5. Mr Bridgman says that investors' cheques will not be cashed if the EZT fails to regain its tax benefits.



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Beating early repayment penalty

A building society bent its own rules in response to a borrower's plea

Fixed and discounted rate mortgages allow home owners to plan their budget carefully. The price is a hefty penalty lenders impose if you repay your mortgage within the fixed or discounted period (Jill Insley writes).

However Louise Thomas, of Brockam in Surrey, has shown it is possible to get round this restriction. She and her husband had borrowed £107,100 from the Northern Rock building society to buy a two-bedroom house for £119,000 in Arundel, West Sussex. The society's normal variable rate mortgage was discounted by 1.05 per cent for one year. The couple knew that, should they decide to move within three years of taking out the mortgage, they would be subject to a penalty of two months' interest, unless they took a further loan with Northern Rock.

When Mrs Thomas had a baby this summer the couple decided to move, trading up to a four-bedroom house at Brockham, with a larger garden. Mrs Thomas says: "We needed more room, not only for the baby but for our Rhodesian ridgeback - 8½ stone of dog."

By this time the Arundel property had lost nearly 50 per cent of its value, selling for £69,000, leaving the Thomases to find £40,000 to redeem the mortgage. This did not unduly worry them as they believed the society would supply a further loan, and even though there was still six months to run on their penalty period, the early redemption penalty would not apply.

The Thomases asked Northern Rock if they could redeem the current mortgage and take out a new loan, representing 90 per cent of their new property's value. But the society, like all lenders during the last three years, had suffered losses on loans to people with little equity in their home. Northern Rock told the couple that it had changed its lending criteria and that loans of more than £100,000 could represent only 80 per cent of the property value.

Not only were the Thomases not eligible for a new loan, but the Northern Rock also intended to charge them an extra £1,345 for redeeming the loan before the three-year penalty period had ended. The couple paid off the loan, but on the advice of their fianancial adviser decided to write to the society asking it to waive the penalty. They pointed out they had been willing to take out a further loan with the society and it was Northern Rock that had refused. Mrs Thomas says: "We heard nothing for ages, so I contacted the society again and they said they would rebate the penalty. I was very pleasantly surprised."

David Henderson, spokesman for Northern Rock, says: "Given the circumstances, it was unfair of us to ask for a penalty. We do consider the cases individually, so it is well worth asking. We do not usually waive the penalty, but we don't get asked that often."

Martin Mullany, of Brooks Macdonald Gayer, financial adviser to the Thomases, says: "Major building societies do not change their lending criteria very often. The Northern Rock have treated the Thomases quite honourably."

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Louise Thomas risked a hefty penalty by moving

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Provincial hotels' schemes proved an unsafe haven for £18m of investors' cash

No welcome at the Quality Coaching Inn

By Sara McConnell, personal finance correspondent

More than 1,000 investors have almost certainly lost £18 million in two business expansion schemes. The schemes, sponsored by Johnson Fry and launched in 1989 and 1990, invested in a group of hotels.

The news comes as BES sponsors enter the final phase of frenzied promotion to encourage people to invest before the year end when the schemes will be abolished. BES investments attract tax relief at up to 40 per cent of investments of up to £40,000 if the shares are held for five years. Many early schemes, such as Quality Coaching Inns, were riskier than today's because there is no set exit price for the shares, but all the schemes carry some risk, which is reflected in the tax breaks.

The hotel sector, which looked buoyant at the end of the 1980s, has slumped, with prices falling as much as 50 per cent, says Dennis Thorn, a non-executive director appointed by Johnson Fry to the ten companies created under the two Quality Coaching Inn schemes. Each of the 10 companies had about 180 investors putting, in an average of £10,000 each but some invested in more than one company.

The hotels are all small, with less than 20 bedrooms and are situated in provincial towns and cities, mainly in the South. They have been hard hit by the recession and the slump in the tourist trade. Mr Thorn says: "We took major hits because we bought at peak prices".

On top of this, the companies borrowed heavily against the hotels to upgrade them, because BES rules do not allow investment in land and buildings to exceed 50 per cent of shareholders' assets.

> 'The market has plummeted. Nothing underhand has gone on'

The companies borrowed from Midland Bank at 2 per cent over base and have loans outstanding from Resort Hotels, which took over the management of the chain a year after it started trading.

The Midland and Resort are reluctant to call in their loans because this would mean liquidating the companies and flooding an already saturated market with more hotels. Johnson Fry is keen to keep the companies trading, because if they went into receivership, BES investors may be in danger of losing tax relief, says Mr Thorn. If the companies went into liquidation there would be no problem. The companies have been advised by Coopers & Lybrand there should be no danger of the Revenue clawing back tax relief already earned as long as the companies keep trading and do not exceed the amount of shareholders' assets used to buy buildings and land allowed under the rules.

Although the companies are making a gross operating profit, Mr Thorn says investors are unlikely to benefit. "I think it is fair to say there is no money for investors."

The companies have funding from Resort Hotels until next month but this then needs to be renegotiated. Resort Hotels has troubles of its own, as its shares have been suspended for the last two months.

Charles Fry, Johnson Fry's chairman, says he has not had any complaints from investors. "The hotels were bought three years ago and now the market has plummeted. Nothing underhand has gone on."

Charles Fry says poor covenants could appear as the scheme approaches its deadline

Beware the promises of last-minute BES promoters

By Jill Insley

INVESTORS have only three months to reap the tax benefits of business expansion schemes.

New arranged exit BESs, guaranteeing to pay investors a certain amount on a fixed date, are coming on to the market every week. Charles Fry, chairman of Johnson Fry, the BES specialist, says some of the covenants which guarantee to pay investors the agreed returns could become less secure as people rush to beat the investment deadline of December 31. "It could be that, as things hot up towards the end of the year, covenants with less strength will come out of the woodwork."

For the last three years nearly all BES issues have offered an arranged exit. This is considered the safest type of BES investment, entailing the sale of the assets, usually houses and flats, to substantial institutions for a pre-arranged price. This provides a set return to investors on a fixed date. This apparent security makes arranged-exit schemes very popular — they accounted for £850 million of the £928 million invested in BESs during the 1992-3 tax year.

However the value of arranged exit schemes rests on the quality of the covenant made by the institutions backing the BES.

A scheme backed by a bank such as the Royal Bank of Scotland is considered to have the best security. Alternatively the backer might be a university, seeking to provide residential property for students. It is hard to imagine one of the Oxford colleges struggling to find £5 million to pay back BES investors, but not all universities are so well off. Should anything prevent the backer from paying out, however, the BES can sell the underlying assets to recoup as much as possible for investors.

Johnson Fry this week issued a new arranged exit BES for £5 million for Acton Housing Association with the aim of providing accommodation for the homeless of Harrow. Investors applying for shares up to October 28 will pay 99p, or 100p after that date until close of the offer on November 19. The shares will be bought back for 121p each after five years.

Mr Fry says "Although we do not think that a major housing association is going to go bust, it is not as secure as money in a bank deposit account. There is no point in saying it is."

He advises investors to ignore schemes which appear to be hiding details or which are simply incomprehensible. He says: "My rule of thumb is that if you can't understand the prospectus, throw it away."

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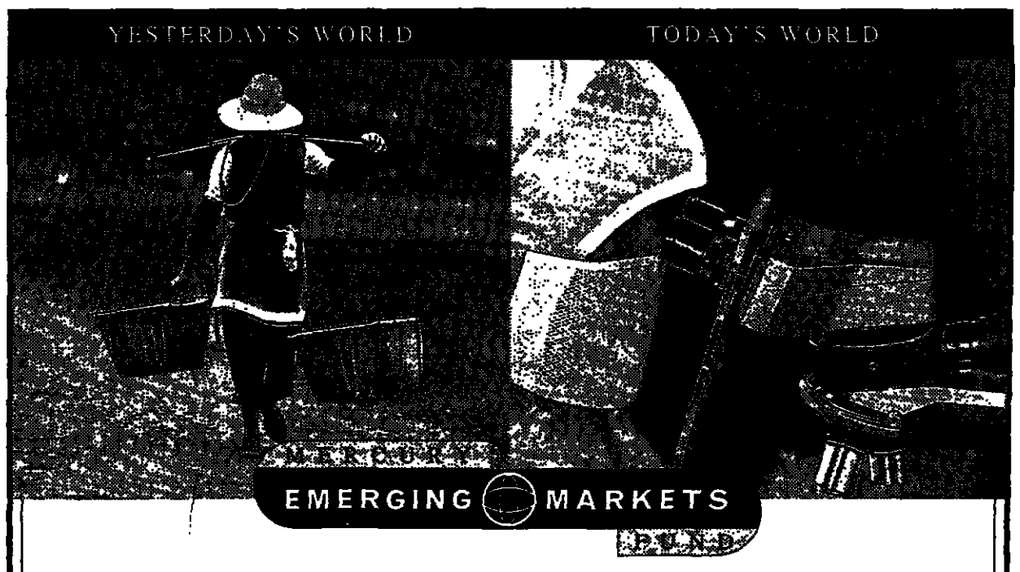

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Offshore building society accounts offer investment opportunities

Keeping up that savings interest

By Sara McConnell
Personal Finance Correspondent

Savers wanting to hang on to their interest as long as possible before declaring it to the taxman could look again at accounts offered by the offshore subsidiaries of UK building societies.

These pay interest gross to taxpayers and non-taxpayers alike, which can make an important contribution to cash flow, particularly for savers with larger balances.

Almost all the major societies, and some minor ones, have subsidiaries in the Channel Islands or the Isle of Man, offering a range of notice and instant access accounts to UK residents as well as expatriates.

This week, the Halifax added to an already substantial choice of accounts from offshore building societies with Halifax Premium International, a 90-day notice account.

The account, which will be sold through its Jersey subsidiary, is aimed squarely at larger savers. Balances of between £25,000 and £50,000 earn 6 per cent gross annually, 5.84 per cent monthly, while the maximum rate, on balances of £100,000 and over, is 6.8 per cent annually, and 6.6 per cent monthly.

Looking at these rates, savers will realise that offshore rates are not that much better than onshore ones. The Halifax's onshore 90-day Xtra account pays 5.9 per cent annually on balances of between £25,000 and £50,000, and 6.2 per cent annually on balances of £100,000.

The attraction of offshore accounts for UK taxpayers is rather that interest is paid gross and has to be declared only at the end of the year on the tax return.

If it is reinvested, savers are earning gross interest on gross interest. Savers can also take advantage of the time lag between receiving interest, declaring it and paying tax on it.

Offshore building society accounts lost some of their point for UK residents two years ago when composite rate tax of 22 per cent on all onshore UK building society interest was abolished.

Non-taxpayers, who used to look offshore to earn gross interest on their savings, can now register to have their interest paid gross onshore. Otherwise tax is deducted at 25 per cent, with higher rate tax payers paying extra through their tax return. However, for wealthier investors, they are still worth investigating.

John Bingham, managing director of Nationwide Overseas, Nationwide's Isle of Man subsidiary, said: "You still have to declare the interest you receive if you are a UK resident, but getting interest gross can be an advantage for people with lots of money. They can benefit by the delay in paying tax."

But he added that it was only really worth going offshore if savers stood to earn several thousand pounds annually in interest.

Interest earned on most offshore building society accounts is credited to accounts and has to be declared. However, some accounts allow funds to be rolled up gross, with the interest earned being added only when the account is closed and the funds repatriated to the UK.

The Bradford & Bingley building society's Isle of Man subsidiary has an account called the Maximiser Accumulator, which is technically a five-year bond. However, Helen Crossley, brand manager for the society's Isle of Man range, said that unlike a bond there is no fixed maturity date and the account can be opened and closed any time in a five-year period.

Some people may want to use an account like this to minimise tax liability. They can open it while they are working and paying tax at a higher rate and repatriate the funds after they retire, when they are more likely to be a basic rate taxpayer. By use of independent taxation, putting some money into the name of a non-taxpaying spouse, for example, they may not be taxpayers at all.

Subsidiaries of the UK building societies are regulated offshore. But in practice, parent companies of building societies are responsible for the liabilities of their offshore arms. In the unlikely event of an offshore collapse, investors could claim on the UK protection scheme for depositors, which pays out a maximum of £18,000 per person. The Isle of Man also has a scheme.

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When the investor should beware of sending out the wrong signals

Sara McConnell says that investors who are ashamed to admit ignorance may deny themselves compensation rights

A little knowledge can be a dangerous thing. People looking for financial advice who do not want to admit their ignorance could unwittingly be signalling to a salesperson that they want to be treated as "execution only" customers. This means they will be barred from receiving the advice they want, because they will be deemed to be aware of the risks they are taking and know what they want.

Execution only customers do not get the same protection under the Financial Services Act as those who are considered to have been given advice by a salesperson on the most suitable policy. In particular, they do not have the right to a cooling-off period or the option to cancel the policy. If they think they have been sold the wrong policy and complain, they may not have any comeback because they were believed to know the risks. New rules being brought in requiring salespeople to send clients a letter explaining the reasons for their advice will not apply to execution only clients.

Those responding to a mailshot, or applying for an investment off the page, are clearly considered to be "execution only" customers. Filling in a form and sending it off implies to regulators that investors knew what they were buying. Subsequent attempts to get the money back will usually fail.

Telephone-based share dealing services are also execution only services. Stockbrokers are only able to accept instructions from customers to buy or sell at a certain price and are not allowed to tell investors which stocks to buy. Any losses are at the customer's own risk, although regulators came to the rescue of one man who did not want to ask what the stockbroker on the other end of the phone meant when he asked if the investor wanted to buy shares "at best, below £2.50". He simply agreed, and a fortnight later, was shocked to find he had not been bought any shares because the price had not fallen below £2.50 in that time.

Customers walking into a bank or building society and asking for an endowment mortgage because they have heard this is the best sort to have, are entering a grey area, according to the Securities and Investments Board, the chief regulator. It could be argued that by specifying an endowment they have technically turned into execution only customers and so do not have any comeback under the act if the advice turns out to be wrong. Endowments, personal equity plans and other schemes taken out to build up capital to repay a mortgage are covered under the act, although the actual funds lent are not.

The SIB says: "If we are talking about a high street building society, an adviser will not risk complaints by using as a defence that it was an execution only deal. As long as the adviser gets more information than would be necessary to sell a product, that would be considered advice."

To avoid any possibility that financial services providers try to use execution only as a defence, the SIB advises: "Do not be afraid to show total ignorance. Ask questions. Don't be browbeaten."

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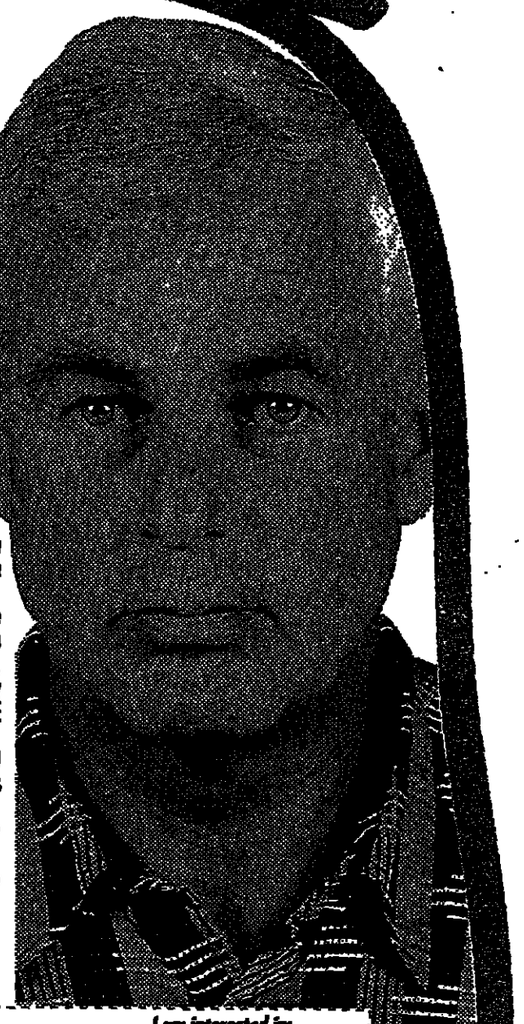

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Independent schools under tax attack

A think tank's proposals to end charity tax breaks could have repercussions on fees if they are implemented. Liz Dolan reports

Proposals that charities should no longer qualify for tax breaks could deprive independent schools of well over £40 million, according to figures from the Independent Schools Information Office (Isis). The suggestion was made in a report on the voluntary sector, part-financed by the Government and published this week by the Centre for Research and Innovation in Social Policy and Practice (Centris), a little-known think tank.

Independent schools receive an estimated total of £1.5 billion in school fees, Isis says. If the charity tax breaks are removed, they would have to find an extra £1 for every £30 they receive at the moment to make up the shortfall.

There are various ways of doing this, including reducing the aid given to less wealthy parents; but an increase in school fees could not be ruled out.

Some 1,116 of Isis's 1,370-strong membership are registered charities. A spokesman for one of them, the Scottish public school Gordonstoun, said: "It would obviously make a major difference to our finances in a number of ways. For instance, we would no longer be able to reclaim tax on funds covenanted by parents or other well-wishers."

Two years ago, when the Labour Party theatened to change the charitable status of schools, Isis said such a move could be "a disaster for the independent sector". Among other things, it would seriously restrict schools' ability to help children whose parent could not afford the full fees, it said.

This time, however, the threat is not as clear cut. Dick Davison, Isis spokesman, says: "We are viewing the whole thing with a good deal of puzzlement. It is not at all clear how independent schools would be affected. We do not know the status or origin of the organisation that produced the report. It seems to have come out of the blue and there now appears to have been some attempt by ministers to distance themselves from it."

The Home Office says: "We are simply one of 22 organisations that helped fund the report. We do not necessarily agree with any of the ideas it puts forward, but we felt it was important to promote discussion on the voluntary sector. We have come to no conclusions. It is a complicated document and our officials are still studying it."

A spokeswoman for Centris claimed that critics were missing the point.

The report says that organisations, such as schools, that provided a service, should not get tax breaks as a charity, but as service providers on behalf of the state. "The report wasn't trying to take away money, but to reorganise it."

Mr Davison said: "We are not providing a service as an agent of the state. We are very much an alternative.

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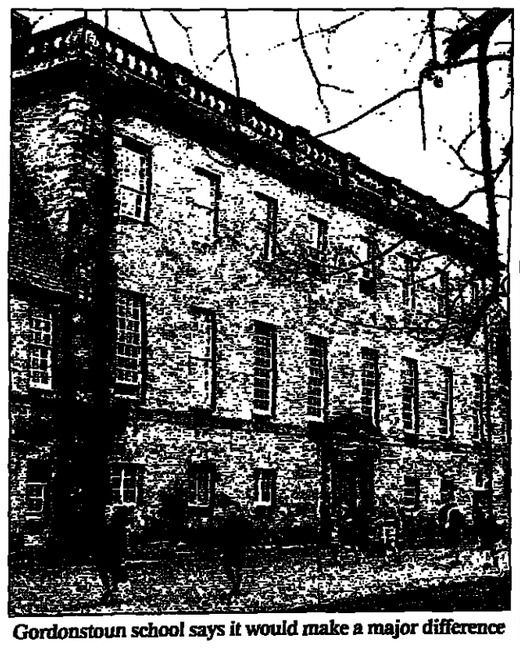

Gordonstoun school says it would make a major difference

Insurers may make waves for big claims

By Sara McConnell
Personal Finance Correspondent

THOSE having to make claims for furniture and carpets ruined by this week's floods could find their insurance company less keen to take a policyholder's word for the damage, and keener to send round a loss adjuster.

Insurance companies are fighting a tough battle against fraudulent claims, which they say inflate premiums. Loss adjusters, who inspect the damage and adjust claims downwards if necessary, are a key weapon. Insurers will pay small claims without checking, but are reluctant to say how small small is. Any claim larger than a couple of hundred pounds is more likely to be checked, particularly expensive damage to furniture and fittings by flood water.

John Warran, claims manager at Sun Alliance UK, the largest household insurer, said: "To be honest, we thought it was a mistake in the storms a couple of years ago to tell people to go ahead with repairs up to £1,000. We got lots of claims for just under £1,000. There is an increased likelihood that a loss adjuster will come round. We believe many policyholders will welcome a visit."

Sun Alliance had received a steady number of claims but has not been overwhelmed, as most of the damage can be dealt with by local offices. The main casualties are carpets, furniture and fitted kitchens. Mr Warran said: "We are saying to policyholders, let us know sooner rather than later."

Norwich Union, situated in the middle of one of the worst hit areas, agrees with this advice. It said: "People should carry out emergency repairs straight away, make their property secure, then call us. Where there are large sums involved we would send for the loss adjuster." Householders should keep receipts for emergency repairs and not dispose of anything until the insurance company has been called, the company said.

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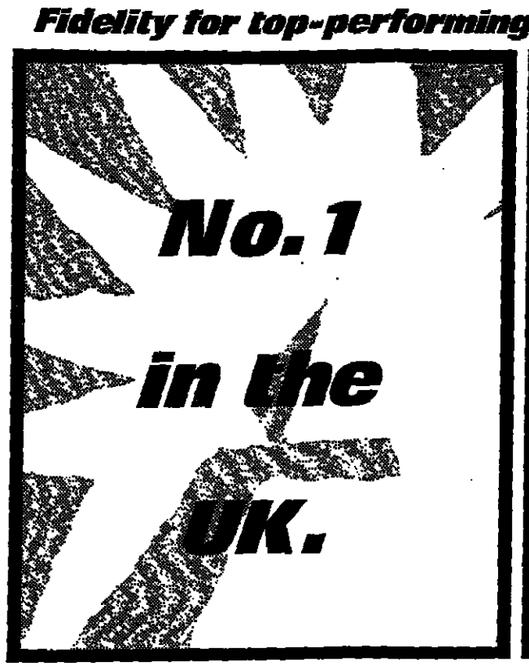

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Guidelines should stop repossessed homes going for a pittance

Action over forced sales

By Shirley Davenport

Estate agents are trying to improve guidelines on the sale of repossessed homes to give departing owners fairer treatment. There is increasing concern that the needs of repossessed homeowners are often ignored in the scramble to resell their homes, and recommendations establishing a fair deal for all may be only weeks away.

The move coincides with suspicions of conspiracy in some areas to invent bogus bids to provoke higher offers from a genuine buyer. Confidentiality over repossessed homes makes it hard for buyers to check the existence of a competing bidder.

The National Association of Estate Agents (NAEA) acknowledges that bogus bids are illegal and would put an agent out of business, but admits that they are not easy to prove. However, the association says, a buyer can always ask for written confirmation of the other bid.

"Pretending there is another offer on a property to attract a higher price is illegal," Peter Cliff, for the NAEA, says. "If it later turns out the bid did not exist, the buyer would have recourse in law. Estate agency will become increasingly litigious over the next ten years."

Earlier this year, a working party sponsored by the NAEA and the Society of Licensed Conveyancers was set up to establish guidelines for all involved in disposing of repossessed properties. It is expected to meet again next month to form recommendations for best practice.

Mr Cliff says: "The person who suffers most is the repossessed homeowner, whose equity in the property can be eaten away if lenders, and others anxious to recover their costs, sell at a low price.

"Those who only want to recover a loan might be tempted to undercut the price to make a quick sale, rather than leave a property on the market at its original value. The only possible loser is the homeowner, whose equity may have been seriously reduced."

There seem to be as many policies for dealing with repossessions as there are lenders.

"We have seen the effects of some of those policies and are very unhappy." Nigel Ewart Evans, chief executive of the Society of Licensed Conveyancers, says. "We are anxious to devise a recommended practice for all sectors of the industry to limit opportunities for people to be exploited. What started it all was the number of repossessed homes being sold at unrealistic prices, which owners were helpless to do anything about.

"Anyone who has experienced the indignity and trauma of having their home taken away has suffered quite enough without having their position exploited by unscrupulous professionals or incompetent lenders to make a quick profit at their expense."

One proposal is to advertise an offer alongside the original value of a repossessed property in the hope of attracting higher bids within a specified time. A few agents do this. Another suggestion is to give regular updates on marketing of a repossessed property. Pressure for more precise guidelines arose from reports of questionable practice.

One estate agent was told by a building society to cut a repossessed property's price every three or four weeks, and a speculator eventually bought it. There will also be an attempt to ensure that repossessed properties are sold at a fair market price, unlike the West Country flat sold in a London auction for £4,000.

Mr Cliff says: "For an owner, the selling price may mean the difference between still owing money to a lender, or having a fresh start. We're not saying the entire repossession arena is full of problems, but we want the mystique cleared. If people feel there is something underhand going on, the profession suffers."

The Council of Mortgage Lenders says that there is a legal obligation to get the best price on repossessed properties within a reasonable time, but admits that lenders approach it in different ways.

An official says: "In an area like this, particularly because it is an emotive one, there are times when misunderstanding and mistakes can happen."

> 'Estate agency will become increasingly litigious over the next ten years'

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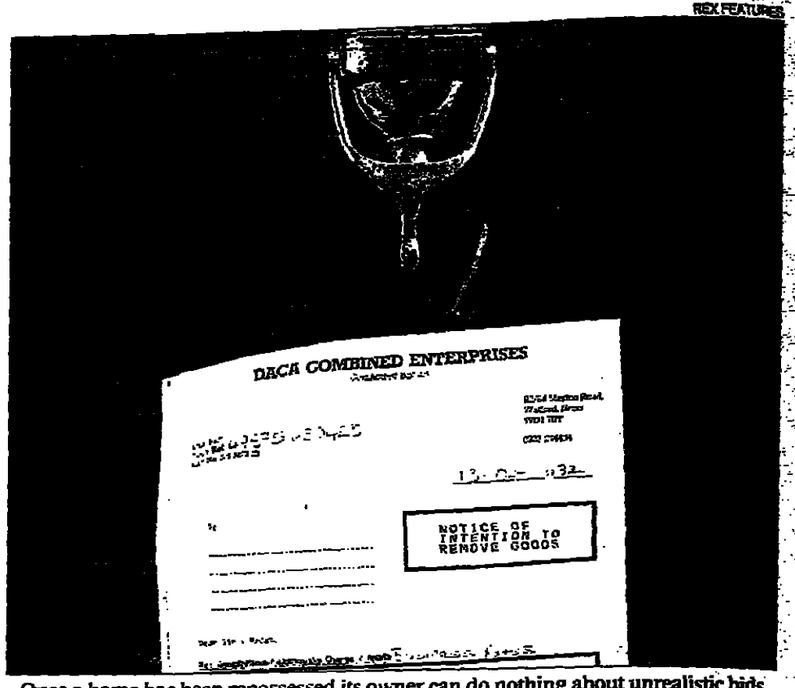

Once a home has been repossessed its owner can do nothing about unrealistic bids

Rogue agent's charter or red tape?

Tenants fear the latest deregulation move planned by ministers, writes **Nicola Cole**

Private tenants are strongly opposing a government move to repeal the 1953 Accommodation Agencies Act. The deregulatory measure would allow letting agents to charge prospective tenants both for registering them and for supplying addresses of accommodation available for rent.

This reversal of the law, which criminalises such charges, would be "a rogue agents' charter", says the Camden Federation of Private Tenants, claiming to speak for about 20,000 rent payers in the London borough.

"It will encourage 'fly-by-night' operators who will be able to set up for a week or so, take people's money, then disappear without providing anything", maintains CFPT campaign worker Ruth Lawrance, formerly a Haringey Council housing adviser. She says dropping present safeguards would also cause hardship to "homeless and vulnerable people".

Also "totally opposed" to repeal is the London-based voluntary Campaign for Bedsit Rights, representing an estimated 2.6 million tenants of all ages and incomes living in multiple-occupied housing. "The present Act may not be the most effective legislation in some respects, but it does deter agents from ripping off both landlords and tenants," says campaign worker Sophie Talbot.

Responses to the intended repeal "are currently being considered", the environment department says. The issue is unlikely to reach Parliament for several months.

Six weeks were allowed for responses after a consultation paper was published in August, when Sir George Young, housing minister, said it was timely to look again at the existing legislation, in view of government's commitment "to removing any unnecessary constraints on business".

Agencies played an important role in bringing landlord and tenants together and it was one with potential for expansion to provide a wider service. Whether the matter "should be left to the market" and whether accommodation seekers would be "put at risk" were questions needing consideration, Sir George said.

He believes the 1953 Act has to some extent been overtaken by other legislation — advertising a property without the owner's consent, for example, is also covered by the 1968 Trade Descriptions Act — and that it clearly would not be in agencies' interests to deter potential tenants.

Weekly rents for small flats range from about £60 in small towns to an average £157 in Camden. Home finding can cost over £1,500 including rent deposits, tenancy agreement, and agency fees legitimately chargeable once a place is secured, the Camden Federation says. "An additional cost will prevent many people from finding accommodation," Ruth Lawrance says. Couples saving for their first mortgage, students and young people starting their first job would be among those affected.

Tenants' groups insist more regulation is needed, not less, to prevent abuse and exploitation such as illegally charging unwary home-seekers registration fees (reputable agents' usual practice is to charge landlords for finding them tenants), sub-letting council-owned property, and encouraging exorbitant rents for poor standard accommodation.

The 1953 Act is now surplus, says Tony Clark, general secretary of the National Association of Estate Agents, which supports repeal. He says the law was passed before improved consumer protection.

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Protecting innocents from the bailiff's call to repossess

Sara McConnell looks at rules that will offer greater protection to unsuspecting tenants

The presence of bailiffs on the doorstep ready to repossess the house because the owner has not paid the mortgage has come as an ugly surprise for thousands of tenants over the past few years. But changes to the rules governing repossession proceedings, announced this week, should at least give tenants advance warning of an impending repossession and a chance to find somewhere else to live.

Tenants in this situation almost always discover, too late, that their landlord has not sought permission from his or her mortgage lender to rent out the property and the lender is unaware that there is a tenant. The Bradford & Bingley Building Society says: "It has happened that we don't know there are tenants in there. We have had instances where we have found tenants on the day the bailiffs arrive to repossess, which is surprising and unpleasant for both bailiffs and tenants."

Now, under rules from the Lord Chancellor's office, to be implemented in county courts from November 1, lenders will have to send written notice of repossession to the "occupier" of the property. This is to make sure that "undisclosed" tenants are warned, as well as official tenants. At present, lenders normally address letters to the landlord, as the borrower, at the property they are about to repossess, but these would not be opened by the tenant. In most cases, the landlord does not live in the property and has not given the lender a forwarding address.

Tenants should get a warning letter when a summons for possession is first issued. In theory, this gives them 21 days before the possession hearing in the county court, but in practice they usually have longer, the Lord Chancellor's office says.

However, these changes, although welcome, may not be enough, the National Association of Citizens' Advice Bureaux (Nacab) says. Liz Phelps, Nacab's social policy officer says: "This is a move in the right direction. Some protection needs to be given to people who have paid over substantial amounts of money, but who are then overridden by another contract about which they know nothing. But it doesn't go far enough. The landlord could conceal the letter, or the tenant may not understand the letter, maybe because they cannot read very well or English is their second language." Nacab advises lenders to send someone round to the property rather than just writing.

Lenders differ widely in their approach to repossessing property from under the feet of an undisclosed tenant. The Halifax, the largest society, says it already writes to "the occupier" if it does not get a response from the borrower. If this fails and there are tenants there when the bailiffs come, the society will give them some time to find somewhere else. But it is not normally keen to allow tenants to continue renting, even if their rent covers the mortgage.

However, the Nationwide says it had helped "a couple of hundred" tenants stay in their homes in this way. If the tenant's rent will cover the landlord's mortgage repayments, the society sets up a Law of Property Act (LPA) tenancy. It appoints one of its own legal representatives to receive the rent and pay the mortgage on behalf of the borrower. When the tenants want to leave, they would take possession. Nationwide says: "We have come across cases where the tenants have been happily paying rent, assuming they had security of tenure." Before taking possession, it would always call at the property "and not just at 11 in the morning when people are at work".

Ms Phelps welcomes this approach and says best practice should be enshrined in law.

This change is one of four that has been introduced in an attempt to make court procedures more efficient and give tenants and borrowers more information on claims for possession.

Carolyn Bingham, left, and Jayne Platts in their flat

> 'It's so unfair. We never defaulted on our rent. It has been traumatic'

Society kept the roof over their heads

Carolyn Bingham and Jayne Platts began to realise something was wrong a year after they moved into their rented two-bedroom flat in Birmingham in May 1992. Letters from the Nationwide Building Society kept on arriving, addressed to their landlady, who owned the flat. It was not until they decided to open one of the letters that they discovered the society wanted to repossess the flat because the landlady had not been paying the mortgage.

Ms Bingham said: "It didn't take us long to decide to open one of the letters. We had already had letters from a firm of bailiffs and had the police round looking for other tenants, nothing to do with our landlady, and we felt quite vulnerable".

When they contacted the Nationwide, they discovered that it had been trying to repossess the property almost since they had first moved in. The Nationwide had had no idea that there were tenants in the flat, although it is a condition of the mortgage that borrowers wanting to let their homes tell the lender.

They also found the flat had been on the market for sale through a local agent since 1991, which added to the two women's anxieties, because they did not know who had keys to the flat.

In the meantime, the Nationwide sent a representative to talk to Ms Platts and Ms Bingham. Because the £450 a month rent they were paying covered the landlady's mortgage, the society offered to allow them to stay in the flat, paying rent to an agent of the society, rather than to the landlady's letting agent. The Nationwide has now drawn up a new tenancy agreement with the two women, which allows them to stay in the flat for a year before it can attempt to sell it. Ms Platts said: "The Nationwide has been very good. We feel more secure now we have signed an official tenancy agreement."

However, they are still battling to get back their initial £450 deposit from the letting agents employed by the landlord. It was this which had prevented them from moving out after discovering the Nationwide was trying to repossess. The letting agent is claiming they still have an agreement with the landlady, although their tenancy agreement with her has expired. The Nationwide has also been trying to get the deposit back for the two women, although it said: "We would not do this every time."

Ms Platts said: "It has all been so frustrating — like banging your head against a brick wall." Ms Bingham added: "It's so unfair. We never defaulted on our rent or anything. It has been traumatic".

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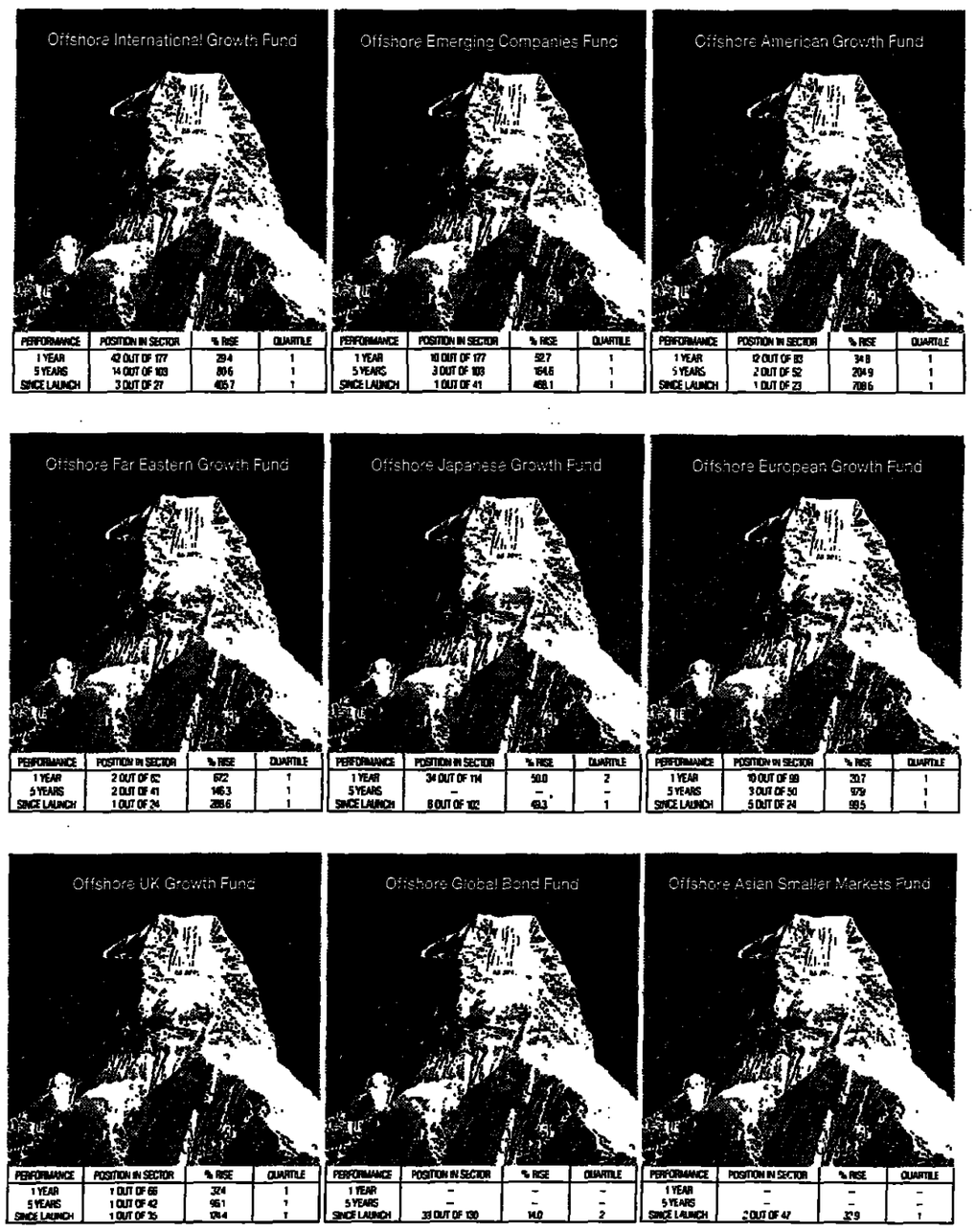

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WEEKEND MONEY LETTERS

Insurers' policy over motor theft

From Mr Ralph J. Firmin

Sir, Mr Potter's letter ("Paying the premium on a stolen car", October 9) illustrates a common misunderstanding of the nature of an insurance policy on property.

A policy insuring property (in this case a car against theft) is a contract of indemnity, ie if the event insured against occurs, the insured is indemnified within the terms of the contract.

The car was stolen; the insured was indemnifed (in the end); the contract was, therefore, completed and ended. To insure the recovered car or a replacement is a new contract and requires the payment of the appropriate premium.

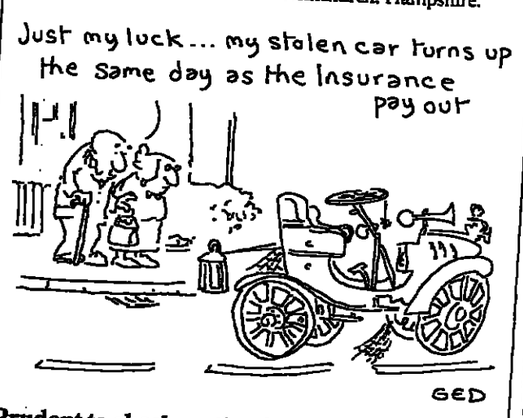
Yours faithfully,
RALPH J. FIRMIN,
2a Stanmount Road,
Chiswell Green,
St Albans,
Hertfordshire.

From Mr Christopher Nelms

Sir, I understand Mr Potter's concern about the settlement delay his daughter experienced from her insurers, following the theft of her car.

When my car was stolen recently, I was advised that Norwich Union does not start to process theft claims for at least a month after the crime, "in case the car turns up again". My protests that, having insured against an event which had now occurred, I was entitled to my claim being settled, fell upon deaf ears. Needless to say, there was no mention of such a delay on the proposal form or insurance certificate. If all insurers adopted this stance, we would find Bupa delaying claims for medical treatment in case the patient recovered.

Yours faithfully,
CHRISTOPHER NELMS,
23 Laverstoke Lane,
Whitchurch, Hampshire.



Prudent to check on the six cheques formula

From Mr William Murphy

Sir, Richard Milner's "novel formula" ("Chemist's prescription to beat bank charges", September 25) for cutting bank charges by opening a Business Investor account with Nationwide is not quite as good as it seems. I had such an account and scrupulously stuck to my six cheques a month – only to find that I was repeatedly getting an excess transaction charge of £2 per cheque. The reason? Although I was only issuing the required six cheques, some were being cleared the following month. So, for example, my six May cheques counted as four for that month and eight for June, and hence a charge: £2 per cheque. The manager of Nationwide's Rotherham branch advised me: "Only issue cheques to people who you know will clear in the month of issue." Faced with such a hopeless proposition, I, of course, closed the account.

Yours faithfully,
WILLIAM MURPHY,
2 Ashmount, Doncaster Gate,
Rotherham,
South Yorkshire.

Rhodesia injustice

From P. S. Jones

Sir, The sense of responsibilty displayed by the UK government mentioned in the letter from Mr B. Roden (Weekend Money, October 9) resulting in the topping up of expatriate pensions is good news.

However, the same attitude has not been shown to civil servants in Rhodesia, which was a self-governing colony created by an act of Parliament in 1923, under a governor appointed by the monarch. During UDI, the governor remained the lawful government, civil servants answered a directive of the governor to remain at their posts. This directive was endorsed by the UK prime minister and by Lord Pierce in the House of Lords in 1965-6.

Pensioners in the UK (about 2,000) have suffered considerably from devaluation of the Zimbabwean dollar; in 1978 this was worth 78p and is 10p now.

Surely there is a strong case for the UK government to accept responsibility for a reasonable sterling value for pensioners and to reduce the numbers who now have to resort to income support.

Yours faithfully,
P. S. JONES,
Church Cottage,
Clayhanger,
Tiverton, Devon.

Rounding on a wayward computer

From N. H. Bird

Sir, Mrs Jolliffe (Weekend Money Letters, October 9) may have problems with a possibly sexist computer, but my recent experience was different.

Requiring small bulbs for my car, the local motor accessory shop quoted 55p each. I said I would take three, which necessitated some feverish tapping on the computer.

That would be £1.66, I was told, and, when I remonstrated, it was explained that the computer had "rounded it off".

Yours faithfully,
N. H. BIRD,
Oak Gate Cottage,
Inwardleigh,
Okehampton, Devon.

INTEREST RATES ROUNDUP

	Nominal rate	Compounded at tax rates 25%	40%	Min/max investment £	Notice	Contact
BANKS						
Ordinary Dep A/c:						
Typical	0.38	0.38	0.30	1,000	7 day	——
Fixed Term Deposits:						
Barclays	3.75	3.75	3.00	25,000-50,000	1 mth	071-626 1567
"	3.53	3.53	2.83	5,000-50,000	3 mth	071-626 1567
Lloyds	3.19	3.19	2.55	10,000-no max	1 mth	Local Branch
"	3.23	3.23	2.58	10,000-no max	6 mth	Local Branch
Midland " " "	3.70	3.70	2.96	10,000-100,000	1 mth	0742 528655
"	3.75	3.75	3.00	10,000-100,000	3 mth	0742 528655
NatWest " " "	3.38	3.38	2.70	25,000-50,000	1 mth	071-726 1000
"	3.28	3.28	2.62	25,000-50,000	3 mth	071-726 1000
HIGH INTEREST CHEQUE ACCOUNTS						
Bank of Scotland M&C	3.26	3.31	2.65	2,500‡	none	031-442 7777
Barclays Prime a/c	1.88	1.88	1.50	2,500‡	none	0604 232891
Co-operative Ultra	0.38	0.38	0.30	500‡	none	071 626 6543
Citibank	3.75	3.82	3.06	2,000‡	none	0800 656884
Lloyds HICA	0.38	0.38	0.30	10,000	none	0272 433372
Midland HICA	1.50	1.50	1.20	2,000‡	none	0742 528655
NatWest Special Reserve	1.13	1.13	0.90	500‡	none	0800 200 400
Royal Bank of Scot Premr A/c	1.50	1.51	1.21	2,000‡	none	031-556 8555
TSB Bank Inst Chque Acct	1.88	1.88	1.50	2,000‡	none	071-600 6000
BUILDING SOCIETIES						
Ordinary Share A/c	0.75	0.75	0.60	50+	none	——
Best buy — largest socs:						
Bristol & West	5.44	5.44	4.35	50,000 min	Postal	——
Birmingham Mid	5.51	5.70	4.41	100,000 min	Postal	——
Bristol & West	4.73	4.73	3.78	50,000 min	30 day	——
Woolwich	5.81	5.81	4.65	50,000 min	90 day	——
Leeds	5.48	5.48	4.38	100,000 min	1 year	——
Best buy — all socs:						
Bristol & West	5.36	5.36	4.28	25,000 min	Postal	——
North of England	5.69	5.69	4.50	25,000 min	30 day	——
St Pancras	5.59	5.59	4.47	25,000 min	60 day	——
National Count	5.85	5.85	4.68	50,000 min	90 day	——
Newcastle	5.44	5.44	4.35	5,000 min	1 year	——

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NATIONAL SAVINGS						
Ordinary A/c†	3.75	2.81	2.25	500-10,000	8 day	041-649-4555
Investment A/c*	6.25	4.69	3.75	20-24,999	1 mth	041-649-4555
Income Bond*	7.00	5.25	4.20	2,000-24,999	3 mth	0253 766151
6th Index Linkd†§	3.25	3.25	3.25	100-10,000	8 day	091-386-4900
40th Issue Cert*	5.75	5.75	5.75	100-10,000	8 day	091-386-4900
Yearly Plan†	5.75	5.75	5.75	20-400/mth	14 day	091-386 4900
Children's Bond	7.85	7.85	7.85	25-1,000		
Gen Ext Retnt	3.75	3.75	3.75			
Capital Bond*	7.75	5.81	4.65	100-250,000	8 days	041-649-4555
1st Option Bond*	4.75	4.75	3.80	1,000-250,000		
GUARANTEED INCOME BONDS						
Consolidated Ll	4.65	4.65	3.98	2,000 min	1 yrs	Figures from Chase de Vere 071 404 5788 for details
Consolidated Ll	5.00	5.00	4.42	2,000 min	2 yrs	
Prosperity Life	5.55	5.55	4.72	15,000 min	3 yrs	
Consolidated Ll	6.00	6.00	5.10	2,000 min	4 yrs	
Consolidated Ll	6.00	6.00	5.10	2,000 min	5 yrs	

RATES

RPI (Sept 92-93)	+1.8%
Bank Base Rate	6%
Personal Loan	28%
Credit Card	25 - 27%

HOLIDAY RATES

	£ buys
Spanish Pesetas:	192.50
French Francs:	8.35
Greek Drachma:	345.00
Italian Lire:	2365.00

TESSA

	CAR (%)	£3,000 val 1 year on	Transfer penalty	Minimum investmt	Telephone number
Hinckley & Rgby	8.05	£3,241.50	90 days loss	£25	0455 251234
Dunfermline	8.00	£3,240.00	1mths notice-Loss	£3,000	0383 721621
St Pancras	8.00	£3,240.00	£25+30days notice	£10	071 7942331
National Cnts	7.90	£3,237.00	90 days loss	£3,000	0872 742211
Dudley	7.67	£3,236.10	paid up share a/c	£10	0384 231414

† 2.5% for balances below £500, first £70 of interest tax free, instant access for withdrawals of £100 or less * Additional holdings up to £20,000 for investors re-investing proceeds of existing matured certificates †Tax free *Interest taxable paid gross ‡Higher rates for larger sums § Guaranteed over the rate of inflation * 0.3% net bonus for amounts £20,000+

FIRST-TIME BUYERS

Lender	Interest Rate %	Loan Size	Max %	Notes
BUILDING SOCIETIES				
Britannia 0538 399399	3.99	negotiable	90	After 4% discount for first 6 months
Cheltenham & Glos. 0452 372372	3.99	to £70K	90	After 4% discount to June 1994
Newcastle 091 232 8676	3.90	to £250K	95	Fixed to 31.10.94
BANKS				
BNP Mortgages 071 895 7447	5.85	£15-£150K	95	After 2% discount for 12 months
BANKS				
Bank of Ireland 0734 393393	5.95	to £80K	95	After 2% discount to 1.10.94

Source: Bay's MortgageMatch. Further info: Bay's Guides, 0753 880482

BRIEFINGS

The Halifax Building Society has launched a series of "stepped rate" mortgages with lower entry rates for first-time buyers. Initial rates for first timers vary between 6.25 per cent and 6.85 per cent to end-January 1995 and, for existing borrowers, from 6.5 per cent to 7.10 per cent. These depend on the length of the second stage, which can last between one and three years. Rates for the second stage are common to both classes of buyer and range between 6.75 per cent and 7.85 per cent. The Bank of Ireland is offering a mortgage fixed, or capped, at 3.75 per cent until January 1, 1995, on a maximum 75 per cent loan.

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☐ A guide for flat owners wishing to buy a freehold, or extend a lease, is to be published on November 1. It contains information about new rights of leasehold enfranchisement, which come into force on that date. It also considers when enfranchisement is worthwhile and how to prepare for, and make, claims. The guide costs £11.99 from Leasehold Enfranchisement, The Swan Centre, Fishers Lane, London W4 1RX.

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BANKS, DISCOUNT, HP

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
439	345	Abbey Nat	425	+6	11.5	3.4	16.4
284	179	Allied Irish	261	+3		3.2	14.4
197½	120	Ass New 2	184	+2		4.7	
3800½	2712½	Bankamerica	2947½	+12½			
273	177	Bk of Ireland	273	+5			
350	325	Bk Leumi L.K.	340		17.0	4.5	25.0
192	110½	Bank Scotland	187		4.5	3.1	25.1
574	362	Barclays	573	+11			
4½	2	Berjaysmark	3½				
22	19½	Carlisle	18				
595	395	Cater Allen	573	+2	27.0	5.0	
183	85	Castles	146			3.6	19.4
2487½	1787½	Chase Manh	2412½	+34½			
2600	1343½	Citicorp	2550 †	+50			
459	250	Close Bros	448 †			3.1	16.3
1135½	827½	Commerzbk	1135½	+300		3.0	
1336½	1259½	Deutsche Bk	1336½	+48½		1.8	
98	45	First Nat Fin	69			0.7	
1651	876	Fuji Bank Y	1401			0.4	
539	343	Gerrard Nat	511	+5	21.5	5.3	13.6
774	490	HSBC	756	+10	19.0	3.1	16.1
795	474	HSBC HK	751	+13	19.0	3.2	14.0
391	243	Hambros	385	+7	14.0	4.5	17.8
428	313	Joseph (L)	418	+2	16.6	5.0	
155	96	King Shaxson	143		9.0	7.4	
508	312	Kleinwort Ben	501	+7	16.0	4.0	17.4
591	492	Lloyds	577	+14	18.4	4.0	16.5
118	63	Lon Scot Bk	93		3.0	4.0	18.4
556	322	Nat Aust Bk	556	+5		3.5	30.2
569	398	Nat West	566	+6	17.5	3.9	34.3
460	270	Provident	415	+6	11.4	3.4	18.0
54	39	Rea Bros	51		0.5	1.2	54.2
358	207	Ryl Bk Scot	342	+6	8.8	3.2	
1335	467½	Schroders	1265	+7		1.1	25.2
1000	576	Stand Chart	1024	+10	30.0	2.4	
222	145½	TSB	218	+3	6.4	3.7	
885	529	Wagborg SG	846	+23		2.7	23.3
8600	4843½	Wells Fargo	8125	+275		1.6	
187	121	Westpac	180	+2		4.4	
323	188	Winstrust	320		9.3	3.6	28.6

BREWERIES

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
646	517	Allied-Lyons	583	-14		4.5	15.7
547	441	Bass	473		14.6	5.0	10.3
299	189	Boddington	269	+7	7.3	3.4	15.7
459	362	Bulmer (HP)	443	-5		4.9	19.3
167	129	Burnmyd Brs	153		4.7	3.9	12.8
130	75	Eldridge P A'a	126			3.2	33.3
68½	40	Fosters Brewing	65½	+1		4.3	
435	338	Fuller Sm 'A'	432			2.1	18.5
440	393	Grand Met	400	+2	12.3	3.8	13.2
427	347	Greenalls Gtn	367	+2	11.7	4.0	13.2
572	503	Greene King	566			2.7	16.0
521	388	Guinness	685	+1		3.7	15.0
281	230	Hardy Hanson	255		7.9	3.9	14.2
138	105	Hewitt+ea	138	+18	3.0	2.8	32.9
363	255	Highland Dist	336	+2	6.6	2.5	
3138	2538	Hoe 1	3048 †		41.0	1.7	19.9
80	33	Hoskins Brew	69			0.7	
323	250	Invergordn Dist	294	-1		3.0	16.8
186	134	Macallan-Glen	134 †	-2	0.9	0.9	30.1
465	375	Macdn Mann 'A'	340			2.8	18.6
225	164	Mansfield	225			2.1	16.1
299	231	Mrstn Thmp	286			2.4	17.3
555	320½	Matthew Clark	555	+17	18.0	4.6	16.3
300	253	Morgwn W	263		7.0	3.3	20.8
545	353	Morland	534		8.4	2.0	20.9
12	6½	Paramount	9½			2.1	
196	145	Regent Inns	196		4.5	2.0	
1093	753	SA Breweries	1067	+12		2.5	18.1
479	393	Scot & Newc	455 †	+7		4.6	14.2
225	181	Taunton Cider	188		0.0	4.0	15.4
257	213	Vaux Group	257		9.3	4.5	17.7
324	225	Weatherspoon JD	341		5.4	2.0	
574½	435	Whitbread 'A'	525			4.2	14.2
1425	850	do 'B'	1200			1.6	30.1
613	463	Wolvrhmptn D	488	-11	11.4	2.9	13.7
515	475	Young 'A'	478		14.5	3.8	19.8

BUILDING, ROADS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
125	73	Abbey	125			1.9	20.5
25½	12½	Albrighton	20	+1			
148	87	Allen	141			4.4	32.0
120	65	Amec	109	-3	3.0		19.9
12	4	Anglia Sec	7½				
352	155	Ashtead	319		4.5	1.8	32.6
121	101	Ashwoods	121	-3	5.0	5.3	
276	180	BPB Ind	259	+1		1.0	44.5
91	57	Baggeridge Brk	84		3.1	4.7	28.2
31	18	Bailey (Ben) Con	27		0.5	2.6	
108	74	Barcom	93		1.2	1.7	16.9
556	322	Bardon	42	+½	2.0	6.0	20.7
195	94	Barratt Devs	178 †	+3	4.0	2.8	
455	305	Bellway	453	-1		3.3	26.2
43	15	Bellwinch	40	-1			
449	295½	Berkeley Gp	432			1.7	27.1
116	45	Bett Bros	98			0.6	4.0
63	36	Blockleys	51 †		1.0	2.5	56.3
250	199	Blue Circle	287	+2		4.9	
285	230	Boot (Henry)	270		5.9	2.7	15.1
106	78	Breedon PLC	87 †		4.6	6.6	21.4
123	82	Br Dredging	123		5.2	5.4	26.7
86	45	Brit Fittings	83 †		1.5	2.3	
151	99	Bryant	133 †	+3		4.5	26.8
113	53	CALA	111			2.6	
312	200	CRH	310			2.7	17.0
43	18	Calstream Hdy	35				
46	23	Castolin	36				
148	86½	Countryside	140	-3		3.7	37.0
94	38	Cren Nicholson	92		0.0		
112	27	Cussins	101			1.2	
7½	1½	Dunstone	5				
25	15	Edmund Hdgs	19 †		0.5		
275	178	Epwin	272		6.8	3.1	23.0
39	32	Erith	36 †		0.3	0.8	
492	297	Eve Group	483			2.6	17.5
6½	2½	Exploranda	4				
140	97	Freeman Gps	130			4.8	20.7
38	30	Galliford	42		1.0	3.0	
78	32	Gibbs & Dandy	72			1.7	
923	605	Gleeson (M.J)	923		12.7	1.7	15.0
162	90	Hewden-Stuart	160			2.5	28.4
51	29	Heywood	46			3.4	34.0
358	188	Hepwd Wim	350	+1	12.5	4.5	
119	37	Higgs & Hill	110		2.5	2.9	
38	28	How Gp	30 †				
21	15	Howard Hldgs	21		0.5	3.0	
39	19	Hunck Johnsen	66		1.0	1.9	
19½	12½	Jarvis	18½				
116	106	Laing (J)	305		9.0	3.7	12.2
122½	103	do 4½% Cv Pf	121½			6.6	
97	55	Ln Clydeside	97		4.5	5.8	36.5
23	10½	Lovell (Y.J)	18				8.2
350	240	Manders	306		9.0	3.7	18.7
168	93	Marley	158	-1	4.2	3.3	46.3
113	61	Marshalls	111	+1		4.5	76.4
183	122	Maunders (J)	183		5.1	3.6	
217	96	McAlpine (A)	215	+1	6.5	3.8	37.2
47	23	McCarthy & S	42		0.5		
438	272	Meyer Int	420	-2		3.0	42.1
129	62	Mowlem (J)	115 †	+6	4.0	4.3	
156	51	NSM	151				
53	48	Needler	48			3.7	22.4
171	106	Newman Tnks	148				19.8
300	197	Pentlands	292		8.6	3.7	29.8
26	10	Phoenix Timber	10 †				
1625	1237½	Pochin	1525		29.0	2.4	
163	80	Prowting	163		3.4	2.6	
6½	1½	Quilligotte	1½				
838	555	RMC Gp	806 †	+13		3.1	30.3
117	75½	Raine Ind	79		3.0	4.8	
36	18	Ramuse	20				
575	402	Redland	520 †	+7	25.0	5.9	30.8
80	64	Rexhill	71		4.3	7.7	10.3
296	207	Rugby Group	274		6.4	2.9	21.0
68	23	Syrhd-Ewe	67			0.5	
132	68	Sharpe & Fisher	130 †	+1		3.8	22.6
238	86½	Sheffield Ind	228			1.0	56.0
169	82	Sherrill Hldgs	169			1.5	25.2
95	66	Shorco	84			7.7	19.1
240	196	Smart (J)	225		8.5	4.7	10.2
6½	2½	Stamvin	3				
156	100	Tarmac	140 †		5.5	4.9	
194	137	Tay Homes	175		5.8	4.3	
139	63	Taylor Woodrw	128		1.0	1.0	
628	433	Tilbury Dougls	605 †		33.0	6.8	19.7
39	19	Torex Hldgs	37			1.4	
227	168	Travis Perkins	271 †		8.0	3.7	47.7
40	28	Try Group	30		1.0	4.2	8.5
28	25	Tudorbe	25			1.3	
92	41	Vibroplant	91		2.5	3.4	32.7
65	20	Ward Hldgs	44				
38	25	Waterhouse	33				
475	360	Watts Blake	425 †			3.5	18.3
26	8	Wescoll	23				
167	90	Westbury	160		5.0	3.9	25.0
12	4½	West Scaffold	7½				
3½	3	Wiggins	3½				
469	371	Wilson Bowden	438		8.7	2.5	30.1
205	147	Wilson (C)	191		3.9	2.6	33.1
194	106	Wimpey G	162			4.1	
47	25	YRM	36		0.5	1.7	

BUSINESS SERVICES

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
673	463	ADT	583		12.0	6.6	4.2
228	198	Adam & Harvey	228			3.8	9.3
92	56	Air Londoner	75		2.0	5.3	
56	37	African Lakes	47			5.6	21.3
178	93	Auto Sec	119		3.0	7.2	9.2
138	84	BET Ord	132	+1		3.1	5.3
109	41	BNB Res	109	+3	4.9	5.7	
318	258	BPP	320	+1	8.0	3.4	16.7
1025	875	Barbour Index	216	+1	8.0		
27	15	Boustead	26	+1	0.7		
265	184	Brit Data Mgt	240 †	+2	4.7	2.5	17.5
26	11	Broadcastle+	25			1.3	19.9
75	54	Brooks Service	70	+5	0.4		
109	86	CKT Gp	99			3.5	17.5
193	139½	Capita Group	175			1.5	27.3
45	31	Casket Plc	42½			2.4	16.3
55	18½	Chiltern Capital	22½				
51	26	Christie	50				
370	228	Chubb Sec	341	+1		1.7	21.2
108	18	Comac+	90 †			2.2	22.1
37	6½	Corp Services	35	+2			
78	20	Couts Crstlg	76	+1			
116	50	Dart	115	+1	3.3	3.6	15.6
256	198	Davis Service	222			5.4	11.4
104	85	EW Pazia	100			0.6	20.1
32	11	Gardiner	29	-1			
272½	215	Hays	272½	+4½	5.3	2.4	
248	174	Hogg Robinson	235			3.5	17.1
70	35	Holmes Protecm	70			2.4	
231	172	Hunch Wharmp	231	+10½		2.1	19.3
1062½	975	ISS B DKr	1025			5.1	2.2
637	511	Inchcape	527½	+9½		3.3	17.0
871	669	Johnson Clean	870		25.7	3.7	19.0
12	2½	Lep	9½				
288	173	Mide Gp	279		3.5	1.6	21.7
1187	893	Manpower	1091	+14			
62	40½	Michael Page	60	+½	1.8	3.8	25.5
279	125	Pennant	128			0.8	4.8
4½	2	Prime People+	3½				4.4
142	74	Proudfoot Alex	79 †		12.8	4.5	13.3
423	337	RCO	387		4.0		
118	86	REA	102				
108	43	Reed Executive	106			5.2	23.6
156	108	Reliance Sec+	109			1.4	26.3
238	178	Remokil	211	+1	2.3	3.5	14.4
283	220	Rolfe & Nolan	255			2.7	18.9
399	334	Salvesen (C)	363	+10		2.9	11.2
30	26	Scott Pickford+	35	-2			
10	5	Select Appt+	9½	+½			
1193	695	Serco Gp	1103		14.0	1.5	33.0
352	124	Sherwd Comps+	148			3.5	24.2
130	90	Starchley	106		6.5	2.4	18.0
365	310	Warner Howard	345			3.6	
45	27	Welpac	31		0.4	2.0	
26½	14	Wills Gp	24½				

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
248	210	Allied Colloids	236	-4½		2.3	20.8
868	613	Amersham	868	+5		1.9	30.0
7	1½	Anglo Ind	2				
£109	£325	BASF DM	£109	+125		0.1	
297	190	BTP	291			4.0	20.0
£128½	£101½	Bayer DM50	£127½	+34½		4.3	
178	134	Blagden	163		9.5		17.6
165	93	Brent Chemcs	116 †			8.0	10.6
530	345	Br Bio-Tech	384	-2		13.6	34.0
29	11½	Caird Gp	12½				
180	136	Canning (W)	172 †	-4	7.2	5.3	19.7
608	485½	Courtaulds	484			3.0	12.9
335	228	Croda	332	-1		2.9	19.1
149	121	Doeflex	127		4.6	4.6	9.6
226	175	Ellis & Everard	220	-1		4.0	21.0
36½	15½	Exton Colour	35		0.8	2.9	21.4
342	250	Halstead (J)	342	+1	6.5	2.4	
241	167	Hickson	174	-5		5.7	16.1
£118	£850	Hoechst	£115½	+112½		3.1	
229	195	Holliday Chem	220	-1		2.1	20.3
740½	608	ICI	720	+10		4.7	
688	575	Laporte	681	+1	19.5	3.6	18.8
230	181	Leigh	212			4.6	20.5
97½	35	MTM	56				

ELECTRICALS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
187	134	ACT Group	174	-½		3.6	17.5
243	223	Acala	243			3.2	16.9
162½	38	Acorn Comps+	103	-2			52.2
480	385	Admiral	455		5.4	1.3	19.2
170	104	Alba	163	-2		3.7	20.4
50	19½	Alphamerik	45½	-½			
51	22	Amstrad	49½	+1½	0.5	1.3	
128	61	App Holos	71				
43	9½	Arlen	41	+1			
86	35½	Asec	83½	+2½		0.4	
293	243	Beales Hunter	244			4.8	15.1
9	2	Bennett & Fount	2½				
440	319	BICC	397		19.2	6.2	
575	435	Blick	449		9.2	2.6	17.3
1700	925	Borland+a	1138	-12			
371	274	Bowthorpe	360		6.3	2.2	23.4
458½	376	BT	450½	+9½		4.3	21.6
208½	150	BT P/P	207	+9½		4.2	22.0
19½	5½	Bulgin (AF) 'A'	12		0.1	1.0	
160	97	Burnfield	97		5.7	7.4	15.3
995	669	Cable Wireless	987	+14		1.9	25.3
27½	11½	Chloride	26½				
275	229	CML Micros	271			2.2	19.7
115	74	Compsr People	110		0.6		
164	108½	Cray Elect	143	-1		1.3	14.7
433	243	Critchley	431	+1		1.8	
554	414	Delta	514	+1		3.4	21.5
360	205	Dennams Ele	359			2.1	15.3
630	395	Domino	450		7.2	1.6	15.4
65	48	Dowding Mlltr	62	-1		5.0	28.6
1105	865	Drucks	1105		10.0	1.1	23.6
469	358	Electrocomps	436	+1		2.3	17.8
580	470	El Data Prc	560		5.1	1.1	15.4
133	43	Electron House	128		2.6	2.1	28.1
30½	10½	Emess	22	+½	0.1	0.6	
626	442	Eurotherm	626	+1	8.0	1.6	26.5
172	108	FKI	169	-2		2.2	24.7
469	340	Farnell Elect	460	-2		1.7	26.4
91	33	Feedback	88			2.1	11.3
18	7½	Ferranti	8½	+½			
226	101	First Tech	275			0.5	22.9
270	61	Forward Gps+	257			1.6	23.2
22½	16	Forward Tech	18				
367½	264	GEC	344	-9	10.3	3.7	17.3
192	132	Gruseby	186	-1		7.3	39.1
14½	7½	Graytronics	11				
39	35	HSClare+	36 †			1.7	
189	83	INSTEM+a	139	-3		2.8	9.9
169	118	Ind Control	167	-1	4.4	3.3	
388	320	James Scroud	378			2.9	15.2
19	8	Kemtrey	13½		0.1	1.4	
347	260	Kenwood App	344½			2.8	19.3
243	47	Kewill Syst	242				
209	100	Kode	173		5.5	4.0	20.5
60	16	Laser+Scana	28				
365	122	LBMS+a	254			0.4	15.8
300	230	Lec Refrig	240		9.0	4.7	
179	129	Life Sciences	138	-1	3.5	3.2	15.0
270	164	Logica	268		4.0	1.9	
55	44	LPA Inds+a	54			8.1	15.2
229	162	MK Data Magnet	195	-1	5.1	3.4	
718	523	Micro 4	713	-2		3.1	21.7
243	175½	Minster Svs	241			1.9	21.3
3013	1298	Micro Focus	1433	+130			13.2
227	147	Microgen	163		7.2	5.8	11.0
34½	23½	Microvision	31½				
529	367	Mitys	520			1.7	19.0
584	98	Mitel	536	+11			
138	108	MMT Comp+a	130			3.4	16.3
50½	16	Mosyn	48		1.3		
272	202	MTL Inst+a	253 †			1.8	19.1
165	105	Multitone Elect	120		3.5	3.6	
236	116	Murray Enter	236	+1		2.1	
265	165	Oldham	195		5.1	3.4	13.8
188	128	Neotronics	128		2.6	2.5	16.5
65	42	Newmark (L)	56	-2			
240	58	Norbrine	239			0.8	18.4
75	20	Northamber	61	-1	0.6	1.2	
15½	9	Oceanics	11				
285	195	Oxford Inst	281		4.5	2.0	19.3
83	48	P-E Intern'l	73	+4		3.1	26.2
81½	39	P & P	72	-1	1.4	2.4	38.2
80	55	Peak	77		3.4	5.6	19.8
227	115	Pegasus	223			1.6	57.2
9500	9000	Philips Fn 4%	9500			6.7	
1350	725	do Imp Inv	1340	+35½			
300	171	Procellink	300	+9			
290	171½	Pifco	285			1.8	23.9
280	151½	do 'A' Voting	275			1.9	23.1
96	63	Plasmec+a	66				5.6
120	70	Pressac	108		2.4	2.8	21.8
139	81	Prism+a	128			1.2	36.6
261	160	Racal Elect	209	+2	4.2	2.5	12.4
70	45	Radamec	55		3.4	11.7	
70	51	Radius+a	57	-3	2.7	4.7	12.8
92	61	Real Time+a	64	-1		5.9	13.7
35	18	Rive+a	24	-1			14.2
629	367	Sage Gp	453	-1	6.0	2.5	14.5
348	222	Sanderson Elec	317		9.0	3.5	13.5
88	49	Scantronic	76		3.1	5.1	10.2
181	117	Scholtz Grp	171		5.0	3.7	
375	270	Sema Gp	332	-5	2.8	1.1	26.9
42	26	Silverstone	39			3.2	
40	37	Soundtracks+	47			3.8	15.9
2675	1737½	TDK	2337½	+9½		1.4	26.5
27	4½	TDS Circuits+	14½	-1½			
198	80	Telemeatic	192		0.8	0.5	31.6
1017	809	THORN EMI	914	+8		4.4	18.7
143	96	Thorpe FW	133 †	-3	2.6	2.5	
103	51	Total Systems+a	51		3.0	7.2	9.2
515	372	Tunstall	515		6.8	1.5	20.6
294	164	Unitech	283			2.7	67.0
11½	6	Verity	8				
35	24	Vistech	29			1.6	16.6
585	367	Vodafone	559	+8		1.6	25.3
473	368	Volex	456	+2	17.8	4.9	18.7
26	11	Western Selectn	21				
250	225	Wholesale Figs	272	-10	11.7	5.4	28.9

ELECTRICITY

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
573	389	East Midlands	573	+8		4.3	10.7
595	399	Eastern Elect	595	+7		4.0	11.9
400	304	Hydro-Elect	397	+5		3.6	14.4
586	404	London Elect	585	+5		4.1	13.2
640	458	Manweb	638	+5		4.1	9.2
605	424½	Midlands Elec	606	+8		4.1	10.0
410½	273	National Power	408	+4		3.2	12.1
637	440	Northern Elec	637	+11		4.2	9.2
206	100	Nthn Ireland	201	-2		3.9	10.8
630	439	Norweb	629		20.0	4.0	9.7
452	273	PowerGen	445	+5		2.9	11.8
400	285	Scottish Power	395½	+1½		3.5	14.7
650	436	Seeboard	649	+2		3.9	10.5
637	469	Sth Wales	633			4.4	10.5
603	426	Sth Western	603	+4		4.1	9.6
603	406	Southern Elec	603	+4		4.1	11.1
620	455	Yorkshire Elec	630	+2		4.1	11.7

FINANCE, LAND

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
60½	50	Aitken Hume	56		1.0	2.2	11.9
125	47	BWD+	119			3.4	18.6
101	26	Baltic Pl	97 †			1.3	
550	413	Caledonia	538	+2		3.5	20.0

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
2556½	1487½	Amer Express	2375 †	+18½			
1300	835	Henderson Ad	1090	+17		4.8	25.1
200	92	Invesco	177	+5		2.1	
364	164	Jardine Strat	244	+2		3.2	10.2
236	154	Mercantile	230 †	-1		3.3	15.7
696	389	MAM	596	+7	15.0	2.7	14.4
977	633	M & G	977	+5		2.7	26.0
380	109	Smith New Ct	380	+3		2.0	5.7
81	55	Trio Hldgs	76			4.9	

FOODS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
53½	45½	AB Food	478	-2	14.0	3.7	11.0
77½	52	ASDA Group	63½	+½	1.6	3.7	12.9
305	170	Associ B Foods	283		6.5	2.4	16.3
75	53	Albert Fisher	75		2.5	3.3	15.2
407	285	Argyll	393	+2	8.7	4.7	10.8
174	117	Assoc Fisheries	159		6.3	3.3	
228	160	Banks (J) Cl	225		9.0	5.0	10.0
402	310	Barr (A)	321		6.5	2.5	18.5
85	57	Bertrams Crspn	63			3.7	14.2
141	112½	Berisford Intl	123	-1			
455	357	Booker	387			7.2	32.9
52	35	Bordwick	46½			5.2	57.8
505	430	Brake Bros	468	-1	6.2	1.7	19.4
51	38	Budgen	43	-1		2.9	13.1
503	407

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High Inc Equity	163.90	174.30*	- 0.50	4.52
Worldwide Bond	273.80	290.20	+ 2.00	3.62
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Extra Inc	50.98	55.41*	+ 0.34	4.72
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High Inc	416.90	445.60*	+ 1.40	3.85
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High Yield	261.00	279.00	+ 0.90	3.42
Balanced	687.50	734.90	+ 3.80	2.33
American Inc	51.26	54.78	+ 1.30	2.94
Wld Asset Val	45.21	48.32	+ 0.72	0.56
Japan	216.80	231.10	- 0.10	0.01
Sets of Am	425.50	453.10	- 10.00	0.99

AXA EQUITY & LAW
St George's Hse, Corporation St, Coventry CV1 1FD. 0203 553231

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
UK Growth Acc	341.70*	363.60*	+ 0.40	2.55
-do-Inc	239.40	254.90*	+ 0.30	3.59
Higher Inc Acc	845.00	900.20*	+ 2.90	3.55
-do-Inc	385.90	410.20*	+ 1.70	3.55
Gilt/Fixd Int Acc	188.90	199.50*	- 0.10	5.87
-do-Inc	96.55	101.90*	- 0.10	5.87
Nth America	264.50	281.70*	+ 12.80	...
Far East	341.50	363.30*	+ 7.60	0.03
Europe	258.20	274.70*	+ 1.80	0.85
General Inc	457.70*	487.00*	+ 0.30	2.33
-do-Acc	537.65	540.10*	+ 0.30	2.33
Brit Equity	69.13	73.55	- 0.01	2.57
Brit Fixednts Inc	74.57	79.33*	- 0.31	4.31
Brit Fixednts Acc	97.94	104.20*	+ 0.40	4.31

BARCLAYS UNICORN LTD
Gredley Hse, 1-11 Broadway, London E15
081 534 5544

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Capital	115.10	123.00	+ 0.50	2.74
Euro Gth Inc	130.60	138.60	- 0.70	0.61
Extra Inc	115.40	123.40*	- 0.20	4.32
General	263.60	280.80*	- 0.40	2.74
Gilt Fxd Inc	61.85	63.94	- 0.08	7.91
Income	539.10	565.80	- 1.40	4.04

BARING FUND MANAGERS
PO Box 156, Beckenham, Kent BR3 4XQ
081 658 9002

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
American Gth	97.77	103.20	+ 3.10	0.10
Amer Smlr Cos	132.30	141.50	+ 4.10	...
Convertibles	56.70	60.64	+ 0.13	6.20
Eastern	231.20	249.30	+12.30	1.60
Equity Income	91.00	96.80	- 0.08	6.20
European Gth	266.90	283.60	- 1.60	1.50
Europe	176.00	188.10	+ 1.30	1.50
Exempt	90.08	92.49	+ 0.37	3.50
German Growth	74.00	76.66	+ 0.40	0.70
Global Growth	120.60	128.90	+ 3.20	...
Japan Growth	211.00	226.10	+ 0.70	...
Japan Sunrise	185.80	198.60	+ 0.30	...
Portfolio	129.90	138.80	+ 0.80	1.20
-do-Acc	329.30	349.60	+ 1.40	3.20
UK Growth	90.17	95.92	- 0.24	2.80
UK Smaller Cos	91.37	97.72	- 0.55	1.90
Select Managers	71.09	76.05	+ 0.69	2.00

BRITANNIA LIFE UNIT MANAGERS LTD
100 West George St, Glasgow G2 2PA
041 332 3133

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Balan Gth Acc	113.42	121.31	- 0.12	1.55
-do-Inc	102.46	109.58*	- 0.11	1.55
Global Bond	31.17	33.07	+ 0.15	5.03
High Yield Acc	60.11	64.29	- 0.09	3.22
-do-Inc	42.79	45.76*	- 0.06	3.22
Smlr Cos Acc	103.11	110.27	+ 0.18	1.03
-do-Inc	94.77	101.35	+ 0.17	1.03
Amer Gth Acc	66.39	71.01	- 1.55	...
-do-Inc	66.15	69.68	+ 1.61	...
Euro Gth Acc	118.18	126.40	+ 0.17	0.17
-do-Inc	115.77	123.81*	+ 0.69	0.17
Mixed P folio	39.88	42.65*	+ 0.37	1.19
Pacific Growth	118.52	126.76*	+ 3.67	...
Intl Spec Opps	105.92	113.28	+ 0.83	0.16

BROWN SHIPLEY
91/11 Perrymount Rd, Haywards Heath
0444 458944

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Financial	145.70	155.10	- 0.30	2.70
Smaller Cos Acc	329.90	356.30	+ 0.50	...
Smaller Cos Inc	191.90	207.30*	+ 0.30	1.04
High Inc	77.94	83.39*	- 0.25	6.20
Income	133.40	142.70*	- 2.40	3.85
Mngd P folio Inc	100.81	107.41	+ 1.20	1.45
-do-Acc	191.90	204.30	+ 2.10	...
North American	115.00	122.50	+ 3.30	0.18
Orient	141.30	152.40	+ 0.80	...
Recovery	46.38	49.84	+ 0.33	2.24
Germany	49.26	52.85	+ 0.38	0.08
Intl Growth	38.35	40.85	+ 0.43	0.19

CIS UNIT MANAGERS LTD
PO Box 105, Manchester M60 0AH
061 837 5000

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Environ	143.90	153.10	- 0.50	1.49
UK Growth	158.10	168.20	- 0.40	1.94
UK Income	132.30	140.80*	- 0.40	3.96

CANNON LINCOLN FUND MANAGERS
1 Olympic Way, Wembley, Middx HA9 0NB
081 902 8876

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
US Asia	109.80	116.40	+ 5.60	0.97
Growth	47.44	50.24	+ 0.24	3.29
Income	59.16	63.27	+ 0.03	3.36
Far East	54.22	57.99	+ 1.37	...
North American	99.25	106.70	+ 4.60	...
Global	96.87	103.60	+ 1.70	0.39
European	81.14	86.71	+ 0.33	0.90
Japan	118.50	126.70*	- 0.60	0.01
Intl Currency Bd	61.23	64.90*	+ 0.68	5.86
UK Cap Gwth	86.67	92.70*	- 0.61	1.36

CAPEL-CURE MYERS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
35 Fountain Street, Manchester M2 2AF
Enquiries: 061 236 5685 Dealing: 061 236 5362

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Capability Trusts				
American Gen	141.20	150.30*	+ 3.90	0.06
-do- Acc	190.00	199.60	+ 4.90	0.06
European	73.78	78.07	+ 0.26	0.79
-do-Acc	76.97	81.44	+ 0.26	0.79
Far East Gen	69.00	73.41	+ 0.49	...
-do-Acc	69.00	73.41	+ 0.49	...
Smaller Cos	73.22	77.98*	+ 0.34	1.67
-do-Acc	82.66	87.94	+ 0.37	1.67
Growth	407.60	436.00*	- 1.00	2.25
-do-Acc	706.70	755.80	- 1.70	2.25
Income Growth	408.70	434.80*	- 0.80	3.57
-do-Acc	555.20	590.70	- 1.20	3.57
Master Portfolio	1033.00	10721.01*	+20.00	2.09
-do-Acc	12107.0	12565.0	+82.00	2.09
Special Sits	94.06	100.06	- 0.25	2.19
-do-Acc	111.18	118.28	- 0.29	2.19
Exempt Fund				
High Yield	1325.0	1367.0	- 4.00	4.02
-do-Acc	1564.0	1613.0	- 4.00	4.02

CAPEL (JAMES) UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
7 Devonshire Square, London EC2M 4HU
071 655 9850. Dealing: 071 655 9855

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
American Index	198.70	211.80	- 5.50	1.21
Capital	574.00	613.40*	+ 2.00	2.19
Eurotrack 100	149.00	158.70	+ 2.00	1.30
Euro Gth	94.54	100.90	+ 0.60	0.83
Far East Growth	104.90	112.00	+ 2.40	...
Global Bond	24.54	25.87	+ 0.44	5.48
Hong Kong	101.30	108.30	+ 7.80	0.55
Income	551.90	589.00*	+ 2.50	2.78
Intl Growth	78.56	83.84	+ 1.16	0.17
Japan Growth	291.50	311.30*	- 0.30	...
Japan Smlr Cos	37.74	40.28	- 0.16	...
Japan Index	84.03	89.68	+ 0.79	0.12
Nth American	451.10	481.40	+ 9.30	0.16
S pac Mly Gth	73.89	78.86	+ 5.02	...
The Footsie Fd	116.70	123.20	+ 1.10	2.50
Tiger Index	180.70	192.90*	+12.50	0.51
Trstee Index	115.30	119.90	+ 1.90	2.10
UK Index	133.90	142.90	+ 1.10	2.78

CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
3 Cornhill Avenue, London EC2R 7BH
071 606 0798

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
American P folio	89.56	95.69	+ 1.39	1.01
European P folio	84.42	90.10*	+ 0.55	0.88
Japanese P folio	70.48	74.95	- 0.27	...
Pacific P folio	125.40	134.84	+ 4.61	0.93
Cazenove P folio	78.48	83.94	- 0.19	2.44
UK Income Gth	70.73	75.70*	+ 0.13	4.29
Utility & Bond	37.70	38.10	+ 0.18	7.00

CENTRAL BOARD OF FINANCE OF CHURCH OF ENGLAND
2 Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ
071 588 6815

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Investment Fd	649.95	653.15	...	4.56
Fixed Int	164.20	164.40	...	8.82
Deposit	5.60	...	...	...

CHARITIES OFFICIAL INVESTMENT FUND
2 Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ
071 588 1815

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Income	639.88	644.49	...	4.64
-do-Acc	2542.4	2570.7	...	...
Deposit	5.50	...	...	...
Fxd Int Inc	133.50	133.83	...	8.62
-do-Acc	184.80	185.27	...	...

CITY FINANCIAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
1 White Hart Yard, London Bridge, SE1
071 407 5966

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
City Fin Assets	68.25	71.84	...	2.10
Beckman Intl	91.20	96.44	+ 0.51	2.75
Friars Hse Inc	199.35	210.95	...	4.98
Friars Hse Cap	270.06	285.78	...	2.33

COMMERCIAL UNION TRUST MANAGERS
Exchange Court, 3 Bedford Park, Croydon CR0 2AQ. Enquiries: 081 680 2222
Dealing: 081 686 9898
OTHER CU TRUSTS (NON PPT FUNDS)

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Deposit Fund	91.57	91.57*	+ 0.03	5.12
Deposit Fund Acc	93.57	93.57	+ 0.05	5.12
Quilter Fund	129.71	137.99	- 0.36	2.15
Quilter Fund Acc	145.54	154.83	- 0.39	2.15

CREDIT SUISSE INVESTMENT FUNDS (UK) LTD
5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex
CM13 1AA. 071 247 4542
Dealing: 0277 690570

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Fellowship Tst	66.03	70.25	- 0.09	1.88
-do-Acc	74.92	79.71	- 0.10	1.88
Income Fund S	227.10	241.60	- 4.40	3.68
-do-Acc	537.80	572.20	- 0.10	3.68
Inv Portfolio	72.90	75.45	+ 0.15	2.00
-do-Acc	82.96	85.97	+ 0.17	2.00
Smaller Cos	137.40	146.20	- 0.20	1.34
-do-Acc	166.30	176.90	- 0.30	1.34
High Inc P folio	65.93	68.32	...	4.03

EAGLE STAR UNIT MANAGERS
Bath Road, Cheltenham GL53 7LQ
0242 577 067

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Oriental Gth Acc	104.80	111.50*	+ 5.90	0.71
Japanese Acc	66.31	70.54*	- 0.31	...
UK Balnced Inc	134.80	143.40	- 0.40	2.40
-do-Acc	159.00	169.20	- 0.40	2.40
UK Growth Acc	217.30	231.40	- 1.10	1.94
UK High Inc	148.00	157.40	- 0.20	5.63
-do-Acc	179.10	190.50	- 0.20	5.63
N America Acc	120.10	127.80	+ 3.80	0.21
European Acc	177.10	188.40	- 1.30	0.52
Intl Gilt Sits Acc	53.01	56.39*	+ 0.92	0.20
Environmnal Opp	77.43	82.37	- 0.06	1.49

EDINBURGH UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
Dunedin House, 97 Haymarket Terrace, Edinburgh EH12 5HD. 031 313 1000

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
American	118.80	126.20	+ 2.90	0.80
UK Smlr Cos	296.80	320.40	- 0.10	1.09
Eurofund	42.92	45.40	+ 0.73	0.88
Mngd Exempt	180.20	187.50	...	2.80
Growth Inc	230.30	244.70	+ 1.70	3.06
High Dist	159.20	169.20	+ 1.00	4.43
Intl Inc	359.70	381.70	- 4.60	0.85
Intl Income	90.28	96.57*	+ 2.72	2.10
Pacific	71.32	75.79*	+ 2.71	0.40
Smlr Jap Cos	79.54	84.51	- 0.88	...
Tokyo	220.90	234.70	- 1.20	...
Japan Exempt	125.30	128.40	- 0.80	0.39
Sci Jap Exempt	633.00	650.40	- 9.90	0.08
Equity Income	132.60	140.90*	+ 1.40	3.55
Formerly Target				
Euro Spec Sits	159.60	166.90	+ 3.00	0.45
Financial	47.63	50.61*	+ 0.53	2.36
Global Opps Inc	...	...	...	...
-do- Acc				
Gold Gen Inc	48.97	51.91	+ 0.09	0.58
-do-Acc	93.99	99.63	- 0.19	0.58
Japan General	172.20	183.10	...	...
Preference	24.21	25.72*	+ 0.04	7.07
Worldwide Cap	...	...	...	...
World Income	...	...	...	...

ENDURANCE FUND MANAGEMENT
41 Harrington Gardens, London SW7 4JU
071 373 7261

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Endurance	190.10	202.20*	+ 0.70	0.96

EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
Walton St, Aylesbury, Bucks. HP21 7QW
0296 434480

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Pelican	112.52	118.46*	+ 0.61	3.23
High Income	133.39	140.41	+ 0.48	4.44
Tst of Inv Tsts	170.86	179.85	+ 1.70	2.10
Special Sits	88.12	92.76*	...	2.17
North American	113.87	119.86*	+ 4.68	0.99
Far Eastern	294.30	299.26	+ 8.23	1.34
Intl Growth	105.72	111.28	+ 2.83	1.31
European	72.60	76.42	+ 0.71	1.82
Smaller Cos	73.70	77.58	- 0.11	2.02

FAMILY INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT LTD
16 West Street, Brighton, BN1 2RE
0273 220 707
United Charities 238.30 250.30* - 3.60 3.81

FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVICES LTD
Oakhill House, 130 Tonbridge Rd, Tonbridge TN11 9DZ. 0800 414181

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Cash Unit Tst	100.00	100.00	...	5.20
European Tst	151.70	161.40*	+ 3.10	...
High Income	27.58	29.02*	+ 0.12	5.23

FOREIGN & COLONIAL
8th Floor, Exchange Hse, Primrose St, London EC2A 2NY. 071 628 8000

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
European	105.30	111.20	- 0.50	0.48
Far Eastern	151.10	162.40*	+ 5.20	...
High Income	23.73	25.28*	- 0.05	10.00
Ocean Income	98.30	105.00	+ 1.70	2.98
UK Growth	102.20	109.30	- 0.10	1.15
UK Income	109.30	116.60	- 0.70	5.15
US Smaller Cos	298.30	319.00*	+ 8.20	...

FRAMLINGTON UNIT MANAGEMENT
155 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 3FT
071 374 4100

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Amer Gth	54.48	57.76	+ 2.00	...
-do-Acc	54.48	57.76	+ 2.00	...
Am Smlr Co	479.30	512.50	+17.30	...
-do-Acc	489.70	523.60	+17.70	...
Capital	300.40	319.50*	+ 0.50	1.61
-do-Acc	422.80	449.70*	+ 0.30	1.61
Cont Smlr Cos	51.97	55.66	- 0.30	0.87
-do-Acc	54.23	58.18	+ 0.31	0.87
Convertible	120.00	127.20	+ 0.30	5.31
-do-Acc	244.90	260.50	+ 0.60	5.31
Emg Mark	65.31	69.77	+ 2.44	...
-do-Acc	65.31	69.77	+ 2.44	...
European	109.50	116.70	+ 0.60	0.63
-do-Acc	114.10	121.60	+ 0.50	0.63
Extra Income	321.40	342.30	+ 1.80	3.53
-do-Acc	460.80	490.10	- 2.60	3.53
Financial	123.00	131.40	+ 1.70	0.16
-do-Acc	128.70	137.60	+ 1.80	0.16
Health Fund Inc	133.40	142.50	+ 7.10	...
-do-Acc	133.40	142.50	+ 7.10	...
Income Tst	193.80	206.10	- 1.00	3.53
-do-Acc	274.60	292.00	- 1.50	3.53
Intl Growth	358.70	382.90	+ 8.00	...
-do-Acc	398.40	425.30	+ 8.90	...
Japan Gen	195.50	208.60	+ 2.50	...
-do-Acc	197.50	210.80	- 2.50	...
Mngd P folio Inc	100.10	105.30*	+ 0.30	0.70
-do-Acc	105.20	110.70*	+ 0.60	0.70
Monthly Income	163.80	174.20	- 1.10	3.61
Qrtly Inc	54.20	57.65	- 0.10	5.26
-do-Acc	54.97	58.47	- 0.10	5.26
Recovery	323.70	346.10	+ 1.40	0.22
-do-Acc	380.30	406.60	+ 1.60	0.22
UK Growth	49.89	53.35	+ 0.03	2.41
-do-Acc	49.89	53.35	+ 0.03	2.41

FRIENDS PROVIDENT MANAGERS
Castle Street, Salisbury, Wilts. SP1 3SH
Dealing: 0722 41411 Admin: 0722 41422

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Equity Dist	376.37	400.39	+ 0.39	2.71
-do-Acc	768.54	817.60	+ 0.79	2.71
Euro Gth Dist	121.91	129.77	+ 0.07	0.60
-do-Acc	126.63	134.71	- 0.09	0.60
Fixed Int Dist	170.62	147.68*	- 0.34	5.75
-do-Acc	238.92	252.78	- 0.59	5.75
Intl Gth Dist	85.89	91.37	+ 0.44	0.59
-do-Acc	89.16	94.85	+ 1.24	0.58
Nth Amer Dist	179.61	190.26	+ 4.50	0.57
-do-Acc	195.74	207.39	+ 4.89	0.57
Pac Basin Dist	284.85	303.98	- 1.61	0.01
-do-Acc	280.24	308.77	+ 8.78	0.01
Stewardship Dist	323.91	344.58	- 0.24	1.90
-do-Acc	386.23	410.88	- 0.27	1.90
Steel Inc Dist	70.14	74.62	+ 0.35	2.10
-do-Acc	87.37	92.95	+ 0.43	2.10
N Am Stwd Dist	102.22	108.75	+ 1.21	...
-do-Acc	108.14	115.04	+ 1.28	...

GT UNIT MANAGERS
Alton Gate, 14th Flr, 125 London Wall, Lond
EC2Y 5AS. 071 710 4567 Dealing: 071 626 9431

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Am Sp Sits	145.80	156.00	+ 5.60	...
European	471.20	501.70	+ 4.50	1.44
Far East General	260.10	278.20	+ 4.80	0.28
Germany	118.00	124.90*	- 1.60	...
Global Assets In	79.18	84.44	+ 0.21	0.32
Global Assets Ac	83.72	89.29	+ 0.22	0.89
Income Inc	141.90	151.88	+ 0.70	3.20
International	318.80	340.50	+ 3.20	0.69
Intl Income	85.75	90.98	- 1.35	3.88
Japan General	405.60	431.30	- 0.30	...
Smlr Cos Div	50.83	54.37	- 0.20	5.34
UK Capital Inc	178.50	191.00	- 1.60	1.83
-do-Acc	307.80	329.20	- 2.80	1.83
UK Spec Sits	85.16	91.08*	+ 0.22	0.41
US General	129.10	137.30	+ 3.10	0.23
W wide Spec Sits	142.20	151.60	+ 1.80	0.11

GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS
Gartmore House, 16/18 Monument Street, London EC3R 8AJ. 071 623 1212
Dealing: 0277 284422. Services: 0800 289 336

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
UK Growth Funds				
British Growth	48.41	51.78	- 0.17	2.05
Cash Trust*	130.72	130.72*	+ 0.04	4.87
Fnnc Inv Inc	111.03	119.06*	+ 0.66	3.70
-do-Acc	244.80	262.30*	+ 1.47	3.70
UK Smaller Cos	107.53	115.31*	+ 0.64	1.71
Income Funds				
Preference Share	27.79	29.72	- 0.06	7.87
High Inc	34.71	37.12	- 0.10	4.74
UK Equity Inc	139.47	149.59	- 0.06	3.57
Global Bond	30.65	31.77*	+ 0.41	4.38
International Funds				
Gold Int	97.39	104.44	+ 3.98	0.98
Frontier Markets	49.80	53.40	+ 1.50	0.04
Global Inc Gth	129.64	139.05*	+ 2.07	3.55
UK Intl	130.94	140.01	+ 0.62	0.85
Overseas Funds				
American	138.07	147.62	+ 4.27	0.46
European	92.38	98.49	+ 0.54	0.92
Euro Sel Opps	114.15	121.41	+ 1.06	0.65
American Emerg	99.27	106.46	+ 5.05	...

GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MANAGERS
Shackleton House, 4 Battle Bridge Lane, London SE1 2HX
071 378 7979
Dealing: 071 588 0626

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Intl Growth	130.17	148.84	...	0.32
American Gth	144.97	155.05	+ 1.96	...
European Gth	73.63	78.84	+ 0.18	0.72
Japan Gth	83.84	89.65	- 0.95	...
Greater China	158.77	169.81	+ 3.54	1.23
Pacific Strategy	144.75	154.86	+ 2.83	0.24
UK Prog Inc	83.68	88.12*	- 0.25	4.35
British Growth	52.91	55.88	- 0.17	2.27
UK Small Cos	46.63	49.87	- 1.65	1.32

GRE UNIT MANAGERS
36 Harbour Exchange Sq, London E14 9GE
071 538 9666

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Cash	132.90	132.90	+ 0.10	4.67
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New Zealand emergence poses threat to Britain

By Christopher Irvine

IN THE last three home rugby league series against New Zealand, Great Britain have lost the first match yet gone on to deny the Kiwis overall victory. New Zealand have not won a series here for 22 years.

However, should Britain lose in the opening John Smith's international match at Wembley today, it is difficult to imagine this touring side being as obliging — at Wigan in a fortnight and Leeds on November 6 — as their predecessors.

Encouraged by fine wins against Wales and Wigan, New Zealand carry the impetus and a more confident edge into an intriguing and evenly-balanced physical contest. Britain last made a winning start against them in 1965. Only once, six years later, was an initial deficit not retrieved.

Either way, little daylight is likely to separate the sides. No more than four points have come between them in their last six meetings, Britain winning four.

Malcolm Reilly, the Britain coach, has had the Indian sign over New Zealand, with two series victories and a draw since 1989, but said yesterday that this will be by far the toughest.

New Zealand rugby league no longer lingers in the shadow of rugby union and the All Blacks. The game has stamped an indelible mark on the country and its young products are seriously challenging the traditional supremacy of Australia and Britain.

More than the pace and adventure in the backs that has characterised most New Zealand sides before, they have, in addition, a pack combining power and mobility. Although they lost the summer series 2-1 to Australia, the side gave notice of the strides being taken at international level.

Significantly, it is in the forwards that Britain would appear vulnerable. With no Skerrett or Platt, and therefore no specialist blind-side prop, the emphasis will be on Betts, Joynt and Clarke in the back row hitting New Zealand out wide and fast.

In defence, the home side must be alert and resolute to the muscular opportunism at close-quarters of Lomax, Mann and Stuart, the New Zealand front row trio, although it is the individual skirmishes that will probably decide the overall battle.

Can Davies, specially chosen for his goal kicking, outpoint the metronomic Halligan? Might Wembley unnerve the brilliant Gene Ngamu, 19, at stand-off half and rejuvenate Schofield, the Britain captain? Can Freeman outmanoeuvre Edwards around the scrum, as he did so superbly against Wigan?

Howi Tamati, the New Zealand coach, is keen not to disrupt the continuity of his side too much and has introduced only three English-based players. Watson and Iro, in the centre, are past-masters at breaking a line, but, these days, not so good at holding one.

If there are enough gaps for Robinson, Connolly, Newlove and Devereux, Britain have the speed in the back line to make a winning start to the series and reverse recent history.

☐ As a curtain-raiser to the international, Great Britain Academy (under-19) play the first of two matches against the Junior Kiwis, who are unbeaten in their six games so far.

Great Britain		New Zealand
J Davies (Warrington)	1	M Edwards (Balmain)
J Robinson (Wigan)	2	D Halligan (N Sydney)
P Newlove (Bradford Northern)	3	K Iro (Leeds)
G Connolly (Wigan)	4	D Watson (Bradford N)
J Devereux (Widnes)	5	S Hoppe (Canberra)
*G Schofield (Leeds)	6	G Ngamu (Manly-Warngh)
S Edwards (Wigan)	7	*G Freeman (Penrith)
K Harrison (Halifax)	8	J Lomax (Canterbury)
M Dermott (Wigan)	9	D Mann (Auckland)
K Fairbank (Bradford Northern)	10	B Stuart (Canterbury)
D Betts (Wigan)	11	S Kearney (Sydney WS)
C Joynt (St Helens)	12	Q Pongia (Canberra)
P Clarke (Wigan)	13	T Nikau (Castleford)

Substitutes: 14: D Powell (Sheffield Eagles); 15: R Eyres (Leeds); 16: A Tait (Leeds); 17: S Nickle (St Helens)

Substitutes: 14: J Williams (Canterbury-Bankstown); 15: J Mackie (Northland); 16: W Taewa (Canterbury); 17: J Lowrie (Sydney Eastern Suburbs).

Referee: G McAllum (Australia)

Billy Whizz picks up the mantle

Christopher Irvine on Wigan's multi-talented wing who will make his international bow today

Eric Hawley never imagined he would discover another Ellery Hanley. "Spotting Jason Robinson was like dropping on a second four-leaf clover in the same field," the rugby league scout said. The comparisons are obvious and understandable.

There is a sense of a legacy being passed down — as Hanley has bowed out of the international scene, enter Robinson, 19, at Wembley against New Zealand this afternoon — both plucked by Hawley from the amateur league game in Leeds, overlooked by their local club, and progressed to sporting success at Wigan.

With Hanley restricting himself to club rugby at Leeds and Martin Offiah nursing his bruised body back to fitness, rugby league is mindful of the need for a new nationally-identifiable focus of attention. At 5ft 7in, Robinson is a pygmy among giants, but fits the bill perfectly. Like Hanley and Offiah, it is a habit for the unexpected that is his hallmark.

Three years ago, Hawley found Robinson going the length of the field for the Hunslet Parkside club. "You know when there's something special," he said. "Here was this little lad, his legs going like pistons, big guys not knowing where to turn or how to bring him down and the crowd going potty every time he had the ball."

Too unorthodox, Leeds said in rejecting him. Wigan, no fools at spotting talent, bounded in with professional forms on his seventeenth birthday. A year after graduating in the academy side, Billy Whizz — his schoolmaster's nickname has stuck — was put on the right wing in the first team and told, simply, to run. He has yet to stop.

John Monie, the former Wigan coach, took personal charge of his development. "Much of my pleasure in my last season at Wigan derived from Jason's growing maturity," Monie said. "Each time he had the ball, I thought he would break through and score. His head's ducking, he's bobbing and weaving, running at the opposition low and fast. A quite tremendous asset."

With Offiah (30 tries) on one wing and Robinson (13) on the other, Wigan were again peerless last season, winning everything but the premiership trophy. Where Robinson differs from Offiah, however, is in his greater defensive instinct and, like Hanley, he shows a muscular explosiveness over shorter distances that New Zealand had a taste of last Sunday.

Why the touring side thought that Robinson was weak at retrieving the ball off the ground is difficult to understand. Kicking to his wing is like putting the red flag out to a bull. After struggling to contain his fearsome counter-charges at Wigan, New Zealand are unlikely to repeat the mistake at Wembley.

Tackling someone so small and elusive is like trying to nail down a grasshopper, especially as the two stone he has put on since arriving at Central Park in July 1991 has gone purely into upper-body strength. This was Hanley's most significant asset.

As Hanley did, Robinson will play his first international on the wing. His amateur days were spent at scrum half, but an under-21 cap there last season exposed an apparent lack of vision behind the scrum. His need for a ball-player inside him suggests stand-off half as a more viable berth in years to come.

"Twelve months ago, everyone thought he would quickly go to half back, but his natural ability to cut inside and elude defenders, his incredible leg speed and tackling abilities has made the right wing position his own," Malcolm Reilly, the Great Britain coach, said.

If Alan Hunte had not injured a knee, there might have been the temptation to hold Robinson back until later in the three-match series, but the Challenge Cup final at Wembley in May put no fear in him and his performance last Sunday proved decisive.

Today, he will mark Sean Hoppe, six inches taller and, arguably, the best winger in the world. "I'm not worried," Robinson said. "It's bigger guys every week for a little'un like me."

Robinson's hands-on approach will test New Zealand at Wembley this afternoon. Photograph: Barry Greenwood

Dalton in front as leaders close on finish

By Barry Pickthall

THE leading yachts in the Whitbread Round the World Race were closing to within 1,000 miles of Punta del Este late yesterday, chasing the prizes for the first finishers within the two classes on this initial 5,500-mile stage from Southampton.

The strong north-easterly trade winds have helped Grant Dalton's maxi, New Zealand Endeavour, to push ahead of Chris Dickson's leading Whitbread 60, Tokio, and may yet break the course record of 20 days and 40min, set four years ago by Peter Blake's Steinlager II.

Blake averaged 9.5 knots on the first leg, whereas Endeavour has maintained 9.7 knots so far. All will depend on whether the South Atlantic high pressure system moves west over the weekend and blocks their path.

Another record, for this leg at least, has been the 24-hour run of 343 miles set by Ross Field's 60-footer, Yamaha. Field was on the move again yesterday, overtaking Galicia 93, the Spanish entry, which slipped from second to fourth.

Field, who has followed a solitary course well east of the rest of the fleet during the past week, said yesterday: "We stuck out here and got the breeze and we're right back in the race. A lot could still change. One hundred miles may seem a lot to pull back, but it is nothing in ocean racing. You only need a slightly different wind pattern and it could all change very quickly."

Taking a lead from Yamaha, Roger Nilson's European entry, Intrum Justitia, has also moved east and picked up as a result. "We sailed directly south from Recife while the other boats headed south south-west," the yacht's navigator, Marcel van Triest, said yesterday.

"We've picked up fresh south-east trades and our speed has increased to 14 knots. The race is really tight again between Yamaha, Winston, Galicia and ourselves, but Tokio seems to have got away. Placings at the finish will now depend on strategy."

Matt Humphries's British entry, Dolphin & Youth Challenge, also benefited from staying offshore yesterday, overtaking Brooksfield, the Italian entry, which suffered from the light inshore winds.

LEADING POSITIONS (at 14:00 GMT yesterday, with miles to Punta del Este, Uruguay). Maxi class: 1, New Zealand Endeavour (G Dalton, NZ), 1,244; 2, Merit Cup (P Fehlmann, Switz), 1,315; 3, La Poste (D Melle, Fr), 1,437; 4, Uruguay Natural (G Vanzini, Uru), 1,803. Whitbread 60 class: 1, Tokio (C Dickson, NZ), 1,302; 2, Winston (D Conner, US), 1,397; 3, Yamaha (R Field, NZ), 1,398; 4, Galicia 93 Pescanova (J de la Gandara, Sp), 1,399; 5, Intrum Justitia (R Nilson, Eur), 1,445; 6, Dolphin & Youth Challenge (M Humphries, GB); 7, Brooksfield (G Maisto, It), 1,660; 8, US Women's Challenge (N Frank, US), 1,710; 9, Hetman Sahaidachny (E Platon, Ukr), 1,829; 10, Odessa Moscow Times (A Verbe, Ukr), 3,881.

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FA Carling Premiership

Arsenal v Manchester City
Chelsea v Norwich
Coventry v Southampton
Liverpool v Oldham
Manchester United v Tottenham
Newcastle v QPR
Sheffield Wed v Wimbledon
Swindon v Everton (all ticket)
West Ham v Aston Villa

Endsleigh Insurance League

First division

Birmingham v Watford
Bolton v Millwall
Bristol City v Barnsley
Charlton v Leicester
Luton v Notts County
Nottm Forest v Tranmere
Portsmouth v Derby
Southend v Oxford Utd
Stoke v Grimsby
West Brom v Peterborough

Second division

Blackpool v Port Vale
Bournemouth v Brighton
Bradford v Burnley
Brentford v Wrexham
Cambridge Utd v Hartlepool
Cardiff v Bristol Rovers
Huddersfield v Barnet
Hull v Fulham
Plymouth v York
Reading v Leyton Orient
Rotherham v Swansea
Stockport v Exeter

Third division

Carlisle v Mansfield
Chester v Shrewsbury
Chesterfield v Torquay
Doncaster v Bury
Gillingham v Darlington
Hereford v Colchester
Rochdale v Walsall
Scarborough v Crewe
Scunthorpe v Northampton
Wigan v Preston (all ticket)
Wycombe v Lincoln

GM Vauxhall Conference

Altrincham v Slough
Bath v Stafford
Bromsgrove v Gateshead
Dag & Red v Halifax
Kettering v Yeovil
Macclesfield v Merthyr
Runcorn v Dover
Stalybridge v Kidderminster
Telford v Southport
Woking v Witton

Scottish League

Premier division

Dundee Utd v Partick
Hibernian v Celtic
Kilmarnock v Aberdeen
Motherwell v Dundee
Raith v Hearts
Rangers v St Johnstone

First division

Brechin v Dumbarton
Clyde v Airdrie
Clydebank v Hamilton
Falkirk v Ayr
St Mirren v Dunfermline
Stirling v Morton

Second division

Albion v Meadowbank
Arbroath v Alloa
Berwick v Montrose
Cowdenbeath v Queen of South
Queen's Park v East Stirling
Stenhousemuir v Forfar
Stranraer v East Fife

FA TROPHY: Second qualifying round: Guiseley v Tow Law Town; Dunston F B v Newcastle Blue Star; Harrogate v Chorley; Stockton v Great Harwood; Workington v Bridlington; Seaham Red Star v West Auckland; Consett v Chester-Le-Street; Gainsborough Trinity v Matlock; Goole v Dudley; Alfreton v Congleton; Redditch v Moor Green; Stourbridge v Halesowen; Grantham v Droylsden; Buxton v Colwyn Bay; Rushden and Diamonds v Burton Albion; Tamworth v Emley; Baldock v Purfleet; Merlow v Hayes; Yeading v Leyton; Cambridge City v Chelmsford City; Bishops Stortford v Billericay; Wembley v Staines; Harrow Borough v Boreham wood; Tooting and Mitcham v Erith and Belvedere; Molesey v Sittingbourne; Ashford v Gravesend and Northfleet; Croydon v Worthing; Fisher 93 v Dulwich Hamlet; Witney v Dorchester; Weston-super-Mare v Newport AFC; Abingdon Town v Wokingham; Poole v Waterlooville.

DIADORA LEAGUE: Premier division: Basingstoke v Sutton United; Bromley v Wivenhoe; *Carshalton v Chesham; Dorking v Aylesbury; Hitchin v Kingstonian (* pools match). First division: Bognor Regis v Whyteleafe; Haybridge Swifts v Berkhamsted Town; Ruislip Manor v Chalfont St Peter; Uxbridge v Walton and Hersham, Windsor and Eton v Barking. Second division: Banstead Athletic v Aldershot; Barton v Saffron Walden; Collier Row v Hungerford; Edgware v Hampton; Egham v Rainham; Hemel Hempstead v Leatherhead; Lewes v Malden Vale; Newbury v Chertsey, Thame v Metropolitan Police; Tilbury v Ware, Witham v Aveley. Third division: Clapton v Kingsbury; Cove v Epsom and Ewell; East Thurrock v Brecknell, Harlow v Northwood; Hertford v Flackwell Heath; Hornchurch v Cheshunt; Leighton v Camberley, Royston v Harefield.

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Premier division: Accrington Stanley v Frickley; Barrow v Leek; Bishop Auckland v Winsford, Boston v Marine, Hyde v Morecambe; Whitley Bay v Knowsley United. First division: Caernarfon Town v Mossley, Eastwood Town v Ashton United; Lancaster City v Farsley Celtic; Netherfield v Curzon Ashton; Spennymoor v Bamber Bridge; Warrington v Gretna; Worksop v Radcliffe Borough.

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Atherstone v Cheltenham; Gloucester v Hastings, * Hednesford v Nuneaton; Solihull v Bashley; * Trowbridge v Corby Town, * Worcester v Farnborough (* pools matches). Midland division: Armitage v VS Rugby; Bilston v Sutton Coldfield; Clevedon v Bridgnorth, Evesham v Forest Green; King's Lynn v Bedworth, Yate v RC Warwick. Southern division: Braintree v Weymouth; Buckingham v Tonbridge AFC, Burnham v Wealdstone; Havant v Margate; Newport IOW v Canterbury City; Salisbury City v Fareham; Sudbury v Dunstable, Dr Martens Cup: First round, first leg: Hinckley v Gresley

SMIRNOFF IRISH LEAGUE: Ards v Portadown, Ballymena v Glenavon; Bangor v Lame; Cliftonville v Carrick; Coleraine v Newry; Distillery v Crusaders; Glentoran v Ballyclare; Linfield v Omagh Town.

BORD GAIS LEAGUE OF IRELAND: Premier division: Drogheda United v Cobh Ramblers (8.0).

KONICA LEAGUE OF WALES: Afan Lido v Connah's Quay; Bangor v Aberystwyth; Conwy v Ton Pentre; Flint Town United v Briton Ferry; Haverfordwest v Caersws; Llansantffraid v Inter Cardiff (2.30); Maesteg Park v Holywell; Mold v Cwmbran; Newtown v Llanelli; Porthmadog v Ebbw Vale.

CARLING NORTH WEST COUNTIES: First division: Blackpool Rovers v Prescot; Bootle v Salford City; Bradford Park Avenue v Eastwood Hanley; Burscough v Clitheroe; Chadderton v Penrith; Flixton v Darwen; Kidsgrove Athletic v Rossendale; Maine Road (Man) v Bacup Borough; Nantwich v Skelmersdale; Newcastle Town v Atherton LR; St Helens v Glossop North End.

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Biddeford v Odd Down; Calne v Minehead; Cheltenham v Westbury; Exmouth v Torrington; Frome v Tiverton; Liskeard Athletic v Elmore; Saltash v Chippenham; Taunton v Paulton.

JEWSON EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Gorleston v March Town United; Halstead v Tiptree United. League Cup: Bury Town v Newmarket; Chatteris v Brantham Athletic; Diss v Comard; Fakenham v Ely City; Great Yarmouth v Sudbury; Hadleigh v Clacton; Haverhill v Histon; Lowestoft v Downham; Norwich United v Cambridge City; Somersham v Warboys; Stowmarket v Felixstowe; Sudbury Wanderers v Stanway; Thetford v Wisbech; Watton v Brightlingsea; Woodbridge v Soham Town Rangers; Wroxham v Harwich and Parkeston.

NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Armthorpe Welfare v North Ferriby; Brigg v Belper; Denaby v Winterton Rangers; Eccleshill v Ponefract Col; Glasshoughton Wel v Sheffield; Hucknall v Ossett; Ossett Albion v Ilkeston; Pickering v Thackley; Stocksbridge PS v Maltby MW.

SOUTHERN AMATEUR LEAGUE: Midland Bank v Old Esthamians; Broomfield v Old Bromleians; Southgate Olympic v Lloyds Bank; Old Parkonians v Old Stationers; Old Westminster Cits v Old Lyonians; Cuaco v Alleyn Old Boys.

ARTHURIAN LEAGUE: Premier division: Old Choirnellians v Old Reptonians; Lancing Old Boys v Old Carthusians; Old Malvernians v Old Etonians. First division: Old Ardinians v Old Westminsters; Old Wellingburians v Old Bradfieldians; Old Wykehamists v Old Witleians.

OLD BOYS LEAGUE: Premier division: Wilsonians v Glyn; Tenisions v Chertsey. Senior Cup: Aldenhamians v Tiffinians; Tollingtonians v Foniters.

SOUTHERN OLYMPIAN LEAGUE: Old Grammarians v Notteborough; Old Owens v Old Finchelians.

RUGBY UNION

3.0 unless stated

International match

Wales v Japan (at Cardiff Arms Park, Cardiff, 2.30)

CIS Insurance divisional championship

North v London and South East (at Newcastle Gosforth, 2.30)
South West v Midlands (at Bath)

Pilkington Cup

Second round

Amersham/Chiltern v London Welsh
Askeans v Basingstoke
Aspatria v Stourbridge
Birmingham/Solihull v Harrogate
Bradford & Bingley v Bedford
Brixham v North Walsham (2.0)
Broughton Park v Morley
Camborne v Bridgwater & Albion
Coventry v York
Exeter v Clifton
Hanley v St Ives
H Wycombe v Preston G'hoppers
Leeds v Kettering
Lydney v Havant
New Brighton v L'pool St Helens
Plymouth v Barking
Redruth v Rosslyn Park
Richmond v Blackheath
Sheffield v Hereford
Syston v Fylde
Tabard v Sudbury
Walsall v Wharfedale
Westcombe Park v Cambridge (2.45)
Winnington Park v Durham City

McEwan's League

First division

Currie v Stewarts Mel FP
Edinburgh Acads v Stirling County
Jed-Forest v Boroughmuir
Melrose v Kelso
Selkirk v Heriots FP
Watsonians v Hawick
West of Scotland v Gala

Second division

Biggar v Grangemouth
Dundee HSFP v Clarkston
Edinburgh Wndrs v Glasgow Acads
Glasgow High v Ayr
Peebles v Kirkcaldy
Preston Lodge v Musselburgh
Wigtownshire v Haddington

Representative match

Leinster v Scottish Exiles (at Lansdowne Road, 7.0)

Club matches

All 2.30

Berry Hill v Thurrock
Bristol v Sale
Gloucester v Cardiff
Lichfield v Wolverhampton
Llanelli v Bath
London Irish v Oxford University
Maidstone v Lewes
Moseley v Nuneaton
Northampton v Aberavon
Nottingham v Loughborough St
Orrell v Wakefield
Otley v Sandal
Reading v Stroud
Rotherham v Hull Ionians
Rugby v Greystones
Saracens v Harlequins
Stoke-on-Trent v Berkers Butts
Swansea v Leicester
Wasps v London Scottish
Waterloo v Pontypridd
West Hartlepool v Northern
Weston-super-Mare v Launceston

Kick-off times subject to alteration

Irish inter-provincial championship

Connacht v Munster (at Sports Ground, 2.30)
Ulster v Exiles (at Ravenhill, 2.30)

RUGBY LEAGUE

International match

Great Britain v New Zealand (at Wembley, 2.45)

HOCKEY

PIZZA EXPRESS NATIONAL LEAGUE: First division: Bournville v Southgate (Birmingham University, 12.0); Bromley v Slough (Priory Leisure Centre, Orpington, 1.15); Cannock v St Albans (Morris Ground, Cannock, 1.0); Canterbury v Stourport (Polo Farm, 12.0); East Grinstead v Old Loughtonians (Saint Hill, 2.0); Havant v Indian Gymkhana (Havant College, 2.15); Hounslow v Trojans (Chiswick Boathouse, 2.0); Teddington v Reading (Teddington School, 1.15); Walton v Firebrands (Orchard Park, 2.0). Second division: Barford Tigers v Warrington (Holyhead Leisure Centre, Birmingham, 1.15); Beeston v Neston (Highfields, 1.30); Brooklands v Harleston Magpies (The Pavilions, Sale, 1.45); Cambridge City v Doncaster (Hinchingbrooke School, Huntingdon, 2.30); Cheltenham v Isca (Bournside School, 1.15); Edgbaston v Richmond (Birmingham University, 2.30); Guildford v Harborne (Kings Manor School, 12.30); Oxford University v Surbiton (North Oxford Sports Ground, 2.0); Sheffield v Gloucester City (Abbeydale Park, 12.30).

NASTRO AZZURI SOUTH LEAGUE: Premier League: Chichester v Dulwich, Hampstead v Fareham, High Wycombe v Maidenhead, Lyons v City of Portsmouth, Mid-Sussex v Anchorians, Old Welcountians v Hendon, Spencer v Old Kingstonians, Staines v Gore Court, Tulse Hill v Oxford Hawks, Wimbledon v Winchester.

ERNST AND YOUNG NORTH PREMIER LEAGUE: Ben Rhydding v Durham University; Blackburn v Timperley; Formby v Alderley Edge; Norton v Hightown-Northern; Southport v York.

NORWICH UNION EAST LEAGUE: Blueharts v Pelicans; Chelmsford v Cambridge University; Colchester v Bishops Stortford; Dereham v Cropty; Ipswich v Old Southendian; Luton v D- E-nunds; Peterborough Town v Stevenage; Redbridge and Ilford v Bedford; Westcliff v Welwyn Garden City.

ERNST AND YOUNG MIDLANDS LEAGUE: Blowich v Belper; Coventry and North Warwickshire v Worcester Norton; Hampton in Arden v Lichfield; Khalsa v Leicester Westleigh; Olton and West Warwickshire v Finchfield.

WOMEN'S NATIONAL LEAGUE: Premier division: Balsam Leicester v Slough; Chelmsford v Ealing; Highgown v Clifton; Ipswich v PP Sutton Coldfield. First division: Bracknell v Trojans; Doncaster v Pickwick; Exmouth v Blueharts; Wimbledon v Bradford Swithenbank. Second division: Canterbury v Sunderland Bedans; Great Harwood v Harleston Magpies; Sharwood v Olton; Woking v Colwall.

BASKETBALL

BUDWEISER LEAGUE: Birmingham Bullets v Worthing Bears; Guildford Kings v Sunderland Scorpions; Hemel Hempstead Royals v Derby Bucks; London Towers v Thames Valley Tigers; Oldham Celtics v Leicester Riders.

NATIONAL TROPHY: Men: Second round: Coventry v Chiltern; Northampton v Sheffield; Solent v Guildford; Stevenage v Stockton.

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Women: First division: Barking and Dagenham Bobcats v Nottingham Wildcats; Thames Valley Ladies v Ipswich; Brixton Lady Topcats v London Jets; Sheffield Hatters v Chester Cats; South Tyneside v Birmingham Quality Cats.

VOLLEYBALL

ROYAL BANK OF SCOTLAND NATIONAL LEAGUE: Men: First division: KLEA Leeds v Whitefield Sponsat; Newcastle (Staffs) v Tooting Aquilla; Reebok Liverpool City v Wessex; Team Mizuno Mabry Lewisham v Polonia Ealing. Women: First division: Purbrook v Britannia Music City. Second division: Manchester United Salford v Polonia Ladies; Reebok Liverpool City v Portsmouth College; Dynamo London II v Trent Fm Rockets; London Lynx v Sheffield Wednesday; Team Knights v Timeout Gloucester City; Spark Jet Stationery v Birmingham Ladies.

OTHER SPORT

BOXING: WBO welterweight title: Gert Bo Jacobsen (Denmark, holder) v Eamonn Loughran (Ire) (at Belfast).

GOLF: Alfred Dunhill Cup (St Andrews).

FOOTBALL

3.0 unless stated

FA Carling Premiership

Ipswich v Leeds (4.0)

Endsleigh Insurance League

First division

Crystal Palace v Wolverhampton
Middlesbrough v Sunderland (all ticket)

BORD GAIS LEAGUE OF IRELAND: Premier division: Cork City v Dundalk (3.30); Galway United v Derry City (3.30); Monaghan United v St Patrick's Athletic (2.30); Shamrock Rovers v Limerick (3.30).

WOMEN'S FA CUP: Amble Town v Sheffield Wednesday; Cowgate Kestrels v Newcastle; Cleveland v Wakefield; Bronte v Bradford City; City Roses v Kirkhurst; Huddersfield v Middlesbrough; Manchester Belle Vue v Broadoak; Preston Rangers v Leek Town, Liverpool District v Wigan; Haslingden v Tranmere Rovers; Bury v Manchester City; St Helens v Newsham, Stockport County v Rochdale; Abbeydale/Alvechurch v Wolverhampton; Nottingham Argyle v Birmingham City; Rainworth Miners Welfare v Derby County; Chesterfield v TNT Ladies; Kidderminster Harriers v Sporting Kesteven; Leicester City v Villa Aztecs; Colchester Royals v St Germaine; Town and Country v Bedford Belles, Dunstable v Langford; Pye v Leighton Linslade, Collier Row v Stilingbourne; Lambeth v Palace Eagles; Abbey Rangers v Queens Park Rangers; Maidstone Tigresses v Epsom and Ewell; Leyton Orient v Drayton Wanderers; Walton and Hersham v Charlton; Hackney v Bromley Borough; SE Rangers v Tottenham Hotspur; Hemel Hemstead v Brentford; Newbury v Launson; Bournemouth v Chelsey Mavericks; Heasocks v Havant; Corematch v Whitehawk; Gosport Borough v Brighton and Hove; Oxford Utd v Binfield; Shoreham v Horsham; Inter Cardiff v Bristol City; Bristol v Bristol Rovers; Yate Town v Tongwynlais; Torquay United v Truro City; Plymouth Pilgrims v Worcester City.

RUGBY UNION

Heineken League

Second division

Narberth v Tenby Utd (2.30)

RUGBY LEAGUE

Stones Bitter Championship

Second division

London Crusaders v Highfield (3.0)

HOCKEY

HOCKEY ASSOCIATION CUP: First round: East: Wisbech v Chelmsford; Felixstowe v Broxbourne; Norwich City v Old Southendians; Welwyn Garden City v Brigg; Colchester v Luton Town; Peterborough v Ipswich; Crosskeys v Ramgharia (Essex); Dereham v Pelicans; Long Sutton v Blueharts. Midlands: Kidderminster v Brignorth; Bloxwich v Finchfield; Notts Gregory v Old Helesonians; Northampton Saints v Worcester Norton; Barton v West Bridgford; Nottingham v Lichfield; Derby v Belper; Leicester Westleigh v Hampton in Arden; Coventry and North Warwicks v Olton and West Warwicks. North: Swalwell v Springfields; Manchester v Halifax; Alderley Edge v RAF; Formby v Durham University; Harrogate v Disley; Norton v Sheffield; Bankers, Hightown-Northern v Wigan; Bacchanalians (IOM) v Blackburn; Wakefield v Ben Rhydding; Knutsford v York; Glaxo v Timperley. South: Purley v Bicester; Camberley v Winchmore Hill; Lyons v Middleton; Maidenhead v Tunbridge Wells; Old Edwardians v Old Kingstonians; Fleet v Hampstead and Westminster.

BASKETBALL

BUDWEISER LEAGUE: Chester Jets v Doncaster Panthers; Manchester Giants v Hemel Hempstead Royals.

NATIONAL TROPHY: Men: Second round: Brixton v Ware; Cardiff v Crystal Palace.

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Women: First division: Brixton Lady Topcats v Thames Valley Ladies; Chester Cats v South Tyneside; London Jets v Rhondda; Birmingham Quality Cats v Ipswich

VOLLEYBALL

ROYAL BANK OF SCOTLAND NATIONAL LEAGUE: Women: First division: Ashcombe Guildford Spectrum v Wessex; Dynamo London v Sale; Woolwich Brixton v KLEA Leeds. Second division: Manchester United Salford v Portsmouth College; Reebok Liverpool City v Polonia Ladies; Dynamo London II v Sheffield Wednesday; London Lynx v Trent Fm Rockets; Team Knights v Birmingham Ladies; Spark Jet Stationary v Timeout Gloucester City.

TENNIS

VAUXHALL INDOOR TROPHY: Men: First round: Bridge of Allan v David Lloyd Renfrew; Puma Sunderland v Topspin Darlington; Tennis World Middlesbrough v Barnard Castle School; Upper Armley Leeds v Ilkley; Graves Sheffield v Huddersfield; Carisbrooke Leicester v Nottingham Indoor; Lincoln Indoor v Lakenham Norwich; Merchopoint Bramhall v Bilston; Edgbaston Priory v Repton School; Harpenden v David Lloyd Chigwell; Welwyn v Betchwood St Albans; David Lloyd Bushey v Connaught; Roehampton v David Lloyd Finchley; BBC v Middlesex University; Carlton v Queen's; Royal Berkshire v Telford Park Streatham; Walton Astroe v Chris Lane Woking; David Lloyd Heston v Delta Swindon; Windmill Hill v Crawley; Sutton Junior B v Surrey Country Club; David Lloyd Eastbourne v Maidstone; Sutton Junior A v Deal; Bourne Fareham v Centrecourt Basingstoke; Kingsley v Alverstoke Gosport; Match Point Southampton v West Hants Bournemouth.

TABLE TENNIS

BRITISH LEAGUE: Premier League: Bath v Team Penile; NFD Grove v Sedgefield; Wymure v Launceston. First division north: West Warwickshire v Sunder land; Milton Keynes v Humberside; BFL Grove v Sedgefield; Lincoln v Cheltenham. First division south: BFL Grove v Haringey; Larkhall v Brentwood.

OTHER SPORT

GOLF: Alfred Dunhill Cup (St Andrews).

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SPORT IN BRIEF

New Zealand put faith in Pocock

THE New Zealand cricket team, led by Martin Crowe, set out yesterday for their first full tour of Australia since the 1987-88 season. Australia will be confident of success after retaining the Ashes in England by a 4-1 margin, but New Zealand can point to the fact that they won the last meeting between the teams, the third Test at Eden Park, Auckland in March.

Australia will be without their injured fast bowler, Merv Hughes, for the entire series while New Zealand are hoping that either Mark Greatbatch or the newcomer, Blair Pocock, will fill the gap at the top of the batting order which has been left by the retirement of John Wright. New Zealand will start their tour with two matches in Western Australia. They will play an Australian Cricket Board chairman's XI at Lilac Hill on Tuesday before a four-day game against the state team in Perth, starting on October 21. The first Test is also scheduled for Perth from November 12-16 with the others in Hobart and Brisbane. New Zealand will also compete in the World Series one-day tournament against Australia and South Africa.

Truncheons drawn

FOOTBALL: Players from Penarol, of Uruguay, fought with riot police after a South American Supercup match against Gremio in Port Alegre, Brazil, in which eight men were sent off. Gremio won 2-0 to take the first-round tie 2-1 on aggregate, but only after four members of each side had been shown the red card. At the end of the match, Penarol players surrounded the Colombian referee to protest and riot police wielding truncheons ran on to the pitch to protect the official. Unintimidated, Penarol players aimed punches and kicks at the police, who retaliated by attempting to hit the players with their truncheons.

The Penarol players were chased to the end of the pitch and into the tunnel, but not before somebody from the Penarol bench had kicked one of the policemen in the back. Earlier this month, Gremio were ordered to play two of their home matches in the Brazilian championship at a neutral venue after one of their directors lashed out at a referee.

Becker falls to Lendl

TENNIS: Boris Becker followed Stefan Edberg and Michael Chang out of the Tokyo indoor tournament yesterday, losing 6-3, 1-6, 7-6 in the quarter-finals to the defending champion, Ivan Lendl. Lendl, 33, who has slipped to No 18 in the world rankings from the top place he held in the Eighties, has won the Tokyo title four times, but had been through a dismal season before he arrived in Tokyo, losing in the first round of nine tournaments and winning only one event. Lendl, who consistently passed Becker at the net, last beat the world No 3 in the fourth round of the 1992 US Open and this victory put the Czech-born American 11-10 ahead in their career head-to-heads.

Loughran favourite

BOXING: Eamonn Loughran will attempt to win the vacant World Boxing Organisation welterweight title against Lorenzo Smith at King's Hall, Belfast tonight. Loughran, 23, from Ballymena, will have to overcome a largely unknown quantity in Smith, 26, from Chicago, who was brought in at four days' notice after the champion from Denmark, Gert Bo Jacobsen, pulled out with influenza and gave up the title. Likewise, Smith admits to knowing nothing about the Irishman. He only accepted the bout after returning from a training run on Wednesday. Loughran, who has looked impressive in training, should be sufficiently inspired by the crowd to win by around the eighth round.

Smith chasing double

DUATHLON: No multi-sportsman or woman has ever won the double — the world triathlon and duathalon championships. Spencer Smith, the swim, cycle and run specialist who won the world triathlon title in Manchester, is in Dallas, Texas for the world duathlon championships this weekend. It could be his fellow triathletes, however, not duathletes, who prevent him from winning his second title this year. Simon Lessing, who became Britain's first triathlon world champion last year, is competing and his running strength, ideal for the 5km run, 40km cycle ride and 5km run, could upset not only Smith but also Matt Brick, of New Zealand, the champion for the past two years.

Brighton absentees

TENNIS: Mary Joe Fernandez, right, and Magdalena Maleeva are the latest leading players to succumb to injury and illness and pull out of next week's Autoglass Classic at Brighton. Hopes that Martina Navratilova could be persuaded to play ended yesterday and Jana Novotna, beaten by Steffi Graf in this year's Wimbledon final, is now the top seed, ahead of Anke Huber, of Germany.

Koreans' rich return

FOOTBALL: North Korea came back from two goals down to secure a 3-2 victory over Iraq in the World Cup qualifying match in Doha, Qatar, yesterday. Iraq's first-half domination came to nothing after their full back, Benyamin Saad, was sent off for his second bookable offence early in the second period. Yet, a minute earlier, Alaa Jebur had scored his second goal to put Iraq in a strong position in the opening match of the Asian qualifying round, from which two teams out of six go through to the finals. Ryu Song-gun and Kim Gyon-gil levelled the scores before Choe Won-man headed the winner with Iraq appealing for offside.

Mansell doubles up

MOTOR SPORT: Nigel Mansell will compete in two events at Donington Park on Sunday, October 31. The double grand prix and IndyCar champion has agreed to race a TVR Tuscan shortly after competing in the touring car shoot-out. Mansell will be at the wheel of a two-litre Ford Mondeo for the 30-lap touring car race, in which he faces the challenge of the grand prix driver, Derek Warwick, in a Toyota Carina. Then he is to compete in the final round of the TVR Tuscan challenge when he will drive a works-prepared 420 horsepower open sportscar. Mark Hales, the new champion, will be the man to beat in this event.

Women versus women

BOXING: Women's boxing has been boosted by the organisation that sends American boxers to the Olympic Games. USA Boxing said it would start registering female amateur boxers nationwide to compete against other females in sanctioned bouts. Rules for women boxers will be the same as for men, with the exception of uniforms, equipment and parts of the physical exam. Courts in Massachusetts and Washington recently ordered the governing body for amateur boxing in the United States to register female boxers, but the action announced yesterday was much broader.

Grand Lodge fails to convince critics

BY RICHARD EVANS
RACING CORRESPONDENT

A STAR was not born at Newmarket yesterday. With the spread of a blanket covering the first six in the Dewhurst Stakes, this season's crop of two-year-olds is likely to be declared among the weakest on record.

While Grand Lodge earned top marks for bravery and determination to pip Stonehatch in the final strides, having looked one of the first beaten two furlongs out, even the rousing finish and natural delight of his trainer, Willie Jarvis, and owner, Lord Howard de Walden, could not mask the inevitable.

The razor-sharp brain of Geoffrey Gibbs, the British Horseracing Board's senior handicapper, which computes official ratings faster than Shaikh Mohammed buys other people's horses, was quick to reach a verdict. With Stonehatch, Nicolotte, Polish Laughter and Redoubtable finishing in a huddle behind the winner, the finishing positions confirmed what had been learned during the summer at Royal Ascot, Goodwood and Newmarket.

Although there is a slim chance that the Racing Post Trophy could produce something special, the tentative new rating of 120 allocated to Grand Lodge as the leading two-year-old by Gibbs makes for gloomy reading. The previous lowest end-of-season top ratings were 123, given to Bakharoff (1985), Dragon and Monteverdi (1979), and 124 awarded to Kala Dancer in 1984. The 15-year average of 126 is boosted by exceptional two-year-olds such as Arazi (130) and El Gran Senor (128).

Both Ladbrokes and William Hill have Grand Lodge as their tepid 14-1 favourite for next year's 2,000 Guineas, although both firms offer Manntari, the Aga Khan-owned colt, at half those odds "with a run."

Jarvis, who was enjoying his first group one success in his eighth season as a trainer, was understandably thrilled his 9-4 favourite had obliged, having looked to be in trouble. "It was a tough performance," he said. "Pat Eddery said he went to sleep with him a bit, but he got hold of him and he quickened up the hill.

"I can't tell you how wonderful it is to have a good horse for Lord Howard. The yard has had a dreadful year. Everything has gone wrong and some owners have not been very loyal, but my lads have been wonderful and this is an emotional moment for me."

Relatively Special proved herself aptly named after running away with the Tattersalls Rockfel Stakes in a time almost half a second faster than the Dewhurst. After being produced to lead two furlongs out by Ray Cochrane, the Alzao filly went away from her field to win the group three race unextended by five lengths.

The comfortable success made up for the disappointment of missing out in the Fillies' Mile at Ascot, where she was repeatedly denied a clear run. "She's a smashing filly with a wonderful temperament. After she won at Kempton I said I was in love with her. My wife would be worried if she was two-legged rather than four-legged," trainer Luca Cumani said. "She is definitely 1,000 Guineas material. She is bred to be a miler although gives the impression she'll get further."

For once, the big bookmakers reacted in contrasting style to the victory. While Mike Dillon of Ladbrokes trimmed Relatively Special from 33-1 to 10-1, David Hood of William Hill had her on 20-1. "Where is the William Hill representative?" Cumani asked. For a moment, it looked as though the trainer would try and emulate the speed of his filly in a search for Mr Hood. "I think I would probably have £1 each-way at 20-1," he said. Cumani has always been the master of the understatement.

HUGH ROUTLEDGE

Grand Lodge, ridden by Pat Eddery, lands the Dewhurst Stakes at Newmarket yesterday from Stonehatch and John Reid, far left

KELSO

THUNDERER

2.10 Srivijaya. 2.40 Puritan. 3.15 Reve De Valse. 3.45 Take By Storm. 4.20 Eastern Oasis. 4.50 Four Deep. 5.25 All Welcome.

GOING: GOOD (GOOD TO SOFT IN PLACES)

2.10 WEATHERBYS NEWCOMERS SERIES CLAIMING HURDLE (£2,127: 2m 2f) (16 runners)

1 1224 SRIVIJAYA 14 (C,F,G) Mrs M Reveley 6-11-10 ..... P Niven
2 5112 STINGRAY CITY 24 (BF,F,G) L Lungo 4-11-5 ..... F Perratt (7)
3 65-6 TEMPORALE 21 (D,F,G,S) K Burke 7-11-4 ..... J Supple (7)
4 /0-0 HOTDIGGITY 7 P Monteith 5-11-2 ..... A Dobbin (3)
5 13-0 OLD MORTALITY 14 (F) R Allan 7-11-2 ..... B Storey
6 66-F COOL DUDE 14 (S) J Johnson 7-11-0 ..... A Orkney
7 3/ INSPIRED GUESS 705 D Nolan 6-11-0 ..... M Dwyer
8 -440 KALIKO 21 (C,G) M Hammond 4-10-13 ..... D Bentley (5)
9 /585 DOCTOR'S REMEDY 10F (G) Mrs J Jordan 7-10-12 ..... D Morris
10 2-41 FELL WARDEN 4 (B,S) J Hellens 5-10-12 ..... A Larnach (3)
11 3440 WARWICK SUITE 5 (G,S) J Eyre 11-10-12 ..... A Mulholland
12 5-15 SAORSE 14 (F,S) D Moffatt 5-10-11 ..... D J Moffatt (3)
13 P/2- TAYLORMADE BOY 329 (C,F,G,S) Denys Smith 10-10-10 ..... P Waggott (5)
14 40-6 CARDENDEN 15 J Barclay 5-10-9 ..... R Hodge
15 5U-0 EMPEROR ALEXANDER 15 J Barclay 5-10-9 ..... S Turner
16 064- BLUSHING GOLD 138 Mrs J Jordan 4-10-8 ..... S Taylor (7)

2-1 Srivijaya, 5-2 Kaliko, 6-1 Cool Dude, 7-1 Stingray City, 10-1 others.

2.40 BBC RADIO NEWCASTLE HANDICAP HURDLE (Amateurs: £2,075: 2m 6f 110yd) (14)

1 04-2 LEADING PROSPECT 7 (C,G) Mrs J Goodfellow 6-12-0 ..... A Parker (7)
2 04- FIRST EVER 138 R Lamb 4-11-13 ..... A Mooners (7)
3 00-0 SWEET CITY 14 (C,S) G Richards 8-11-7 ..... R Hale (7)
4 14-6 SIMPLE PLEASURE 8 (C,F,G,S) Mrs M Sidle 8-11-3 ..... S Swiken
5 -4P2 TRONCHETTO 4 (G,F) J J O'Neill 4-11-1 ..... M Buckley (5)
6 546- HARDHERO 178 (F,S) G White 7-10-13 ..... G Willis (7)
7 2181 PURITAN 8 (D,F,G) N Tinkler 4-10-13 ..... Mrs P Nash (5)
8 12U3 AS D'EBOLI 14 (F) M Hammond 6-10-10 ..... C Bonner (7)
9 PF-5 INVERNATE 5 (F,S) L Lungo 8-10-8 ..... C Ewart (7)
10 P23- COXAIM 115F (G,S) J McCormocklin 7-10-2 ..... E Tolhurst (7)
11 24-F GLEMOT 14 (C,S) J Johnson 5-10-2 ..... D Parker (7)
12 0P5- DAWN COYOTE 157 Mrs S Taylor 10-10-1 ..... Miss J Thurlow (7)
13 300- HERE COMES TIGBY 249 (S) W Reed 6-10-0 ..... Mrs A Perrett (3)
14 /2/4 LA MOLINILLA 17 (D,F) Mrs K Lamb 10-10-0 ..... Miss S Lamb (7)

9-4 Puritan, 5-1 Sweet City, 6-1 Coxaim, Glemot, 8-1 Leading Prospect, 10-1 others.

3.15 ROYAL CALEDONIAN HUNT NOVICES CHASE (£2,428: 2m 1f) (11)

1 -121 EXPLOSIVE SPEED 15 (F,G) M Hammond 5-11-10 ..... C Grant
2 354- EQUATOR 136 (S) J Holdsworth 10-11-5 ..... A Orkney
3 110- HURDY 213 (F,G) Mrs S Bramall 8-11-5 ..... J Burke (5)
4 253- MASTER MISCHIEF 138 F Walton 8-11-5 ..... K Johnson
5 PP0- NORTHERN VISION 140 R Lamb 6-11-5 ..... B Storey
6 /5-2 REVE DE VALSE 8 (G,S) Denys Smith 6-11-5 ..... P Waggott (5)
7 1PF SEMINOFF 15 (S) P Monteith 7-11-5 ..... A Dobbin (3)
8 F0-U THE COUNTRY TRADER 21 (BF) G Richards 7-11-5 ..... N Doughty
9 0/P5 ZARRAND 8 B Mactaggart 7-11-5 ..... A Merrigan
10 F55- CELTIC SONG 175 (S) W Reed 6-11-0 ..... T Reed
11 /2/ HIGHRYMER 544 J Threadgall 9-11-0 ..... Miss J Thurlow

2-1 Explosive Speed, 5-2 Hurdy, 4-1 Reve De Valse, 6-1 Equator, 8-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: Mrs M Reveley, 28 winners from 85 runners, 32.9%; Mrs J Goodfellow, 8 from 32, 25.0%; R McDonald, 3 from 12, 25.0%; G Richards, 31 from 133, 23.3%; P Monteith, 15 from 74, 20.3%.

JOCKEYS: P Niven, 33 from 97, 34.0%; N Doughty, 24 from 79, 30.4%; A Dobbin, 6 from 94, 17.6%; M Dwyer, 11 from 65, 17.5%; C Grant, 20 from 125, 16.0%; K Johnson, 8 from 42, 14.3%.

3.45 SCOTTISH RACING CLUB NOVICES HURDLE (£2,267: 2m 110yd) (19)

1 34-1 AMERICAN HERO 15 (D,G) R Allan 5-11-6 ..... B Storey
2 2-10 MARTINI EXECUTIVE 24 (B,D,F) B Wilkinson 5-11-6 ..... D Byrne
3 P60- AYIA NAPA 11F Mrs S Bradburne 6-11-0 ..... Mr J Bradburne
4 1/3- BRODESSA 19F (F) Mrs M Reveley 7-11-0 ..... P Niven
5 4F0/ CLEAR FOUNTAIN 542 P Monteith 6-11-0 ..... A Dobbin (3)
6 034- FLASH OF REALM 920 P Monteith 7-11-0 ..... A Orkney
7 /05- HICKSONS CHOICE 231 J Wade 5-11-0 ..... K Jones
8 000- KIRCHWYN LAD 161 S Leadbetter 5-11-0 ..... A Merrigan
9 4/ LAZY RHYTHM 228 J Eyre 7-11-0 ..... A Mulholland
10 P-45 RED TEMPEST 7 J Goldie 5-11-0 ..... F Perratt (7)
11 35-5 BELIEVE IT 17 N Waggott 4-10-13 ..... J Supple (7)
12 0- CHALKEFORT 220 R McDonald 4-10-13 ..... R Hodge
13 OAKLEY Denys Smith 4-10-13 ..... P Waggott (5)
14 54-2 RELUCTANT SUITOR 15 (BF,F) M Hammond 4-10-13 ..... C Grant
15 30- TAKE BY STORM 133F S Moore 4-10-13 ..... M Dwyer
16 0 RUSHING BURN 21 J Charlton 7-10-9 ..... K Johnson
17 6/P- SUPER SANDY 303 F Walton 6-10-9 ..... P Williams (5)
18 0 GROUSE-N-HEATHER 14 Miss J Rae 4-10-8 ..... T Reed
19 25-F LOCH SCAVAIG 7 (S) D Moffatt 4-10-8 ..... D J Moffatt (3)

5-2 American Hero, 3-1 Martini Executive, Reluctant Suitor, 5-1 Brodessa, 6-1 Take By Storm, 10-1 Loch Scavaig, 16-1 others.

4.20 GREENMANTLE ALE ANTHONY MARSHALL TROPHY HANDICAP CHASE (£2,786: 3m 1f) (9)

1 331- BLUFF KNOLL 171 (C,F,G,S) R Barwis 10-12-0 ..... K Johnson
2 4-21 KUSHBALOO 21 (D,D,F,G) C Parker 8-11-11 ..... B Storey
3 21P- PADAVENTURE 258 (F,G,S) Mrs M Reveley 8-11-10 ..... P Niven
4 5462 KIRSTY'S BOY 8 (F,G,S) Miss L Perratt 10-11-3 ..... L O'Hara
5 3P3- INTERIM LIB 161 (C,F,G,S) Mrs S Bradburne 10-11-1 ..... Mr J Bradburne
6 92P- LAURIE-O 146 (F,G,S) R Lamb 9-10-9 ..... A Merrigan
7 16-4 PINK GIN 14 (F,G,S) M Hammond 6-10-7 ..... C Grant
8 32-2 EASTERN OASIS 14 (F,G,S) J Andrews 10-10-7 ..... P Williams (5)
9 431- ZAM BEE 138 (F,G,S) W Reed 7-10-4 ..... T Reed

11-4 Kushbaloo, 4-1 Eastern Oasis, 5-1 Padaventure, 7-1 Bluff Knoll, Zam Bee, 8-1 Kirsty's Boy, Interim Lib, Pink Gin, 10-1 Laurie-O

4.50 SALVESEN FOOD SERVICES NOVICES HURDLE (£2,180: 2m 6f 110yd) (16)

1 443- BERVIE HOUSE 217 Mrs M Reveley 5-11-0 ..... P Niven
2 000- BITOFANATTER 183 R Goldie 5-11-0 ..... Mr S Love
3 6F-0 BRIAR'S DELIGHT 8 J Oliver 5-11-0 ..... A Orkney
4 4PF- BUCKLE IT UP 178 (S) A Mactaggart 6-11-0 ..... Mr D Mactaggart
5 5P- CASTLE CROSS 315 J Charlton 6-11-0 ..... K Johnson
6 CELTIC FOUNTAIN R Collins 5-11-0 ..... P Waggott (5)
7 38-0 COOD LARE 7 G Duo 6-11-0 ..... Mr J M Dun
8 00P- DOUGAL'S BIRTHDAY 140 G Coalsworth 7-11-0 ..... A Merrigan
9 00-2 FOUR DEEP 17 J Johnson 5-11-0 ..... D J Moffatt (3)
10 03-2 GREEN TRIX 21 C Parker 5-11-0 ..... B Storey
11 /23- JENDEE 366 J Hellens 5-11-0 ..... A Larnach (3)
12 0/ KING MELODY 701 G Richards 7-11-0 ..... N Doughty
13 20-4 PIRATE HOOK 14 Mrs J Goodfellow 5-11-0 ..... A Dobbin (3)
14 0-35 THE PATTERS MAGIC 7 M Hammond 6-11-0 ..... C Grant
15 00 LAFANTA 17 J Wade 4-10-12 ..... K Jones
16 0532 SARANPOUR 8 (B) N Tinkler 4-10-12 ..... Mrs P Nash (5)

7-2 Saranpour, 4-1 Green Trix, 5-1 Bervie House, 6-1 Four Deep, Jendee, 8-1 Coqui Lane, 10-1 Pirate Hook, 12-1 Briar's Delight, 16-1 others.

5.25 POTTERTON-MYSON HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,022: 2m 110yd) (12)

1 546- SEDIN 159 (CD,F,G,S) W Bentley 7-12-0 ..... N Bentley (3)
2 4P-1 ALL WELCOME 8 (C,D,F,G,S) Mrs M Reveley 6-11-5 ..... P Niven
3 1-41 HAZEL LEAF 14 (C,D,G,S) R McDonald 7-10-12 ..... R Hodge
4 2-43 RINGLAND 47 (CD,G) D Moffatt 5-10-11 ..... D J Moffatt (3)
5 821- ARAGON AYR 154F (D,S) P Monteith 5-10-9 ..... A Dobbin (3)
6 2-23 NOTABLE EXCEPTION 17 (D,BF,G,S) Mrs M Reveley 4-10-7 ..... Mr M Buckley (5)
7 550- INVERTIEL 11F (D,F) R Allan 8-10-7 ..... B Storey
8 0/42 ASTURIAS 14 (D,F) A Stringer 10-10-5 ..... A Larnach (3)
9 3/F- MASTER OF TROY 372 (S) C Parker 5-10-4 ..... Mr A Parker (7)
10 136- CAPTAIN TANCRED 176 (D,S) J Bidwell 5-10-2 ..... L O'Hara
11 06-0 RAPID MOVER 14 (B,D,F) D Nolan 6-10-0 ..... C Grant
12 U0-4 JUST PULHAM 47 (D,S) S Payne 8-10-0 ..... J Supple (7)

5-2 All Welcome, 5-1 Notable Exception, 7-1 Ringland, 8-1 Hazel Leaf, Aragon Ayr, Asturias, 10-1 Sedin, 12-1 Invertiel, 14-1 Master Of Troy, 20-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: S Sherwood, 5 winners from 9 runners, 55.6%; M Scudamore, 3 from 8, 37.5%; J R Upson, 13 from 41, 31.7%; T Thomson Jones, 8 from 29, 27.6%; K C Bailey, 8 from 38, 23.7%; R J Weaver, 13 from 68, 19.1%.

JOCKEYS: R Garritty, 22 winners from 109 rides, 20.2%; T Eley, 14 from 82, 17.1%; B Dalton, 6 from 43, 14.0%; T Wall, 12 from 104, 11.5%; R Bellamy, 8 from 76, 10.5%. (Only qualifiers)

☐ Martin Pipe's assistant, Chester Barnes, was in a "comfortable" condition yesterday in Torbay Hospital, where he is recovering from a heart attack.

Wharf revives Abdulla's luck

BY JULIAN MUSCAT

WHARF'S victory in the listed Baring International Darley Stakes at Newmarket yesterday revived memories of Khaled Abdulla's blitz of the top early-summer prizes. After four European classics Abdulla's luck turned sour, but the portents now look favourable for the Saudi owner's Breeders' Cup hopes.

Wharf himself will not be among the main raiding party. His target is the $150,000 Volante Handicap at Santa Anita, one of the supporting events to the tenth renewal of the $10 million spectacular. This admirable colt, a first winner in 17 days for Henry Cecil, will then join the string of Californian trainer Bobby Frankel, who will provide the backbone of Abdulla's Breeders' Cup Challenge.

Tomorrow Frankel will run Jolypha, who finished third in last year's Classic when in Andre Fabre's care, with a view to again tackling the world's richest race. Should she run well, Jolypha will join the former John Gosden-trained Toussaud, who has the Mile on his agenda. This would leave the way clear for Wemyss Bight to tackle the Breeders' Cup Turf.

This trio bid to remove a major blip in Abdulla's otherwise successful racing operation. He has yet to break the ice in 13 Breeders' Cup attempts; among the vanquished have been equine luminaries like Dancing Brave, Warning, Rousillon and Quest For Fame.

"We don't exactly regard the Breeders' Cup as our luckiest meeting," Abdulla's racing manager, Grant Pritchard-Gordon, said yesterday. "Perhaps Wharf can give us a winner on the supporting card if all else fails."

Reflecting on the exploits of Zafonic, Commander In Chief and Wemyss Bight, Pritchard-Gordon says: "We've had a marvellous year but the Classics do seem a long time ago. Perhaps we went to the well once too often with Commander In Chief. He's almost certainly finished for the year now but we hope to keep him in training."

A decade ago, when Abdulla's silks were still relatively unknown, those of Robert Barnett were positively famous thanks to High Line, Master Willie and Time Charter. Barnett's winners these days are something of a rarity, but his Make A Stand won the Fen Ditton Nursery.

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THUNDERER

2.05 Monticion. 2.40 Brierley. 3.15 Keylock. 3.50 Riston Lady. 4.25 One On One. 5.00 Primo Figlio. 5.30 Blue Grit.

GOING: SOFT SIS
DRAW: 5F-7F, LOW NUMBERS BEST

2.05 EBF NORTH RIDING MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: £4,985: 5f) (19 runners)

1 05 CALDER KING 21 J Eyre 9-0 ..... O Pears (3) 13
2 000 CHADWELL HALL 15 C Tinkler 9-0 ..... K Fallon 18
3 00 HARRHAM HERO 21 C Tinkler 9-0 ..... A Tucker 12
4 04 KING RAMBO 81 (BF) R Hollinshead 9-0 ..... S Perks 8
5 053 MONTICINO 16 R Charlton 9-0 ..... D Holland 17
6 500 MYSTICAL MICKEY 22 W Haigh 9-0 ..... S D Williams 19
7 0 ONE FOR THE LADIES 11 J Balding 9-0 ..... Kim Tinkler 9
8 04 PERTEMPS FLYER 26 B McMahon 9-0 ..... Paul Eddery 5
9 6 PURPLE FLING 31 M Prescott 9-0 ..... K Darley 15
10 00 RENNYHOLME 121 M Brittain 9-0 ..... S Morris 2
11 0 TAPINSIDE TURBO 16 J Etherington 9-0 ..... A Culhane 10
12 BARW GLEN G Oldroyd 8-9 ..... S Maloney (3) 3
13 5062 BOLD TIME MONKEY 28 J Berry 8-9 ..... J Carroll 7
14 0005 CELTIC GOVERNESS 51 J Balding 8-9 ..... J Fortune 14
15 46 OZARGA 12 D Cosgrove 9-9 ..... M Wigham 16
16 EILEEN'S DARLING T Kersey 8-9 ..... N Kennedy (3) 6
17 MA FOLIE J Wainwright 8-9 ..... J Fanning 11
18 00 MAZ 14 A Bailey 8-9 ..... L Charnock 4
19 0000 RED GRIT 21 (B) M Dods 8-9 ..... J Weaver 1

5-2 King Rambo, 4-1 Monticino, 7-1 Bold Time Monkey, 8-1 Pertemps Flyer, Ozarga, 16-1 Purple Fling, 20-1 others.

2.40 MOULTON NURSERY HANDICAP (2-Y-O: £3,418: 5f 212yd) (13)

1 2635 BROCTUNE GOLD 22 (D,S) Mrs M Reveley 9-7 ..... K Fallon 11
2 210 PRIZEFIGHTER 56 (F) T Barron 9-4 ..... Paul Eddery 7
3 4261 MONKEY'S WEDDING 10 (B,D,S) J Berry 8-12 ..... J Carroll 10
4 005 STAR PERFORMER 19 Mrs M Reveley 8-12 ..... L Charnock 1
5 5330 CERTIFICATE-X 16 (F) M Johnston 8-10 ..... J Weaver 3
6 5445 HEATHYARDS LADY 9 R Hollinshead 8-10 ..... S Perks 6
7 0140 BRIERLEY 29 (D,F) B Smart 8-10 ..... R Perham 8
8 01 ARZINA 16 (S) B Hills 8-9 ..... D Holland 13
9 0010 SPRING LOADED 12 (D,BF,S) Mrs M Reveley 8-8 ..... K Darley 4
10 0440 SECONDS AWAY 47 A Harrison 8-1 ..... S Maloney (3) 9
11 0406 ARCTIC DIAMOND 98 Mrs J Ramsden 8-0 ..... B Russell (5) 2
12 5050 FEARLESS WONDER 12 Mrs M Reveley 8-0 ..... J Fanning 6
13 0003 WESTCOAST 26 G Moore 7-13 ..... T Williams 12

5-1 Arzina, 6-1 Westcoast, Monkey's Wedding, 8-1 Arctic Diamond, 10-1 Star Performer, Fearless Wonder, 12-1 Spring Loaded, Heathyards Lady, 14-1 others.

3.15 YORKSHIRE EVENING POST LIMITED STAKES (£3,248: 1m 5f 175yd) (15)

1 0/16 DECIDED 133 (C,F,G) R Lee 10-9-4 ..... O Pears (3) 10
2 011- HELIOPSIS 2922 (CD,G,S) M Hammond 5-9-4 ..... J Marshall (5) 6
3 2-60 JUPITER MOON 11 (G) Mrs A Swinbank 4-9-4 ..... Paul Eddery 9
4 4630 LEGION OF HONOUR 22 (BF,F,G) M Naughton 5-9-4 ..... K Fallon 2
5 4001 PHILGUN 10 (V,D,F,S) C W C Elsey 4-9-4 ..... J Weaver 4
6 /00/ SILVERDALE FOX 41 (F,S) K Hogg 6-9-4 ..... S Perks 3
7 005/ SUREST DANCER 655J (V) W Bigley 7-9-4 ..... S Maloney (3) 7
8 6046 DEB'S BALL 7J (C,F,G,S) D Moffatt 7-8-13 ..... B Sanders (7) 5
9 6400 MEDIA STAR 52 (D,F,G) T Kersey 8-8-13 ..... M Baird (7) 13
10 1230 MYSTIC MEMORY 21J (F) Mrs M Reveley 4-8-13, S Copp (7) 8
11 1040 SALU 12 (F,G,S) J Etherington 4-8-13 ..... J Carroll 15
12 4000 DOC SPOT 21 J Wilson 3-8-9 ..... J Fortune 14
13 0012 KEYLOCK 11 (D,BF,S) W Jarvis 3-8-4 ..... N Kennedy (3) 11
14 2444 LANDRAIL 28 B Hills 3-8-4 ..... D Holland 1
15 2312 RISPOTO 16 (C,BF,S) M Prescott 3-8-4 ..... K Darley 12

9-2 Landrail, 5-1 Philgun, 11-2 Keylock, 6-1 Rispoto, 7-1 Salu, Mystic Memory, 10-1 Legion Of Honour, 12-1 Deb's Ball, 16-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: W Haggas, 3 winners from 6 runners, 50.0%; B Hills, 14 from 42, 33.3%; R Williams, 4 from 13, 30.8%; A Scott, 3 from 10, 30.0%; M Tompkins, 8 from 27, 29.6%; M Prescott, 12 from 51, 23.5%.

JOCKEYS: D Holland, 6 winners from 30 rides, 20.0%; O Pears, 10 from 53, 18.9%; J Carroll, 30 from 162, 18.5%; K Darley, 34 from 186, 18.4%; Alex Greaves, 10 from 66, 15.2%; A Clark, 3 from 21, 14.3%.

3.50 FAVERDALE HANDICAP (£5,166: 5f) (20)

1 0000 ANSELLMAN 119 (D,S) B Smart 3-9-10 ..... Mark Denaro (7) 16
2 3010 METAL BOYS 14 (D,F,G,S) R O'Sullivan 6-9-7 ..... A Clark 11
3 0414 NEVER IN THE RED 39 (B,D,F,G) J Berry 5-9-6 ..... J Carroll 10
4 0804 RISTON LADY 10 (D,F,G) B Rothwell 3-9-1 ..... A Procter (5) 7
5 2021 MAGIC PEARL 12 (D,S) E Alston 3-8-13 ..... S Knott (7) 6
6 1612 CHOIR PRACTICE 21 (D,F,G,S) W Haggas 5-8-11 P Robinson 14
7 0110 DOMICKSKY 10 (D,F,G,S) M Channon 5-8-10 ..... R Paisley (7) 19
8 0530 PALEY PRINCE 115 (D,F,G) M Usher 7-8-10 ..... R Street 18
9 0460 SHADOW JURY 12 (D,F,G,S) D Chapman 3-8-10 ..... K Darley 17
10 0002 DRUM SERGEANT 33 (D,F,S) J Parkes 6-8-9 ..... Paul Eddery 6
11 5000 TWO MOVES IN FRONT 28 (B,D,F,G,S) J Berry 3-8-9 J Fortune 5
12 4210 PRIMULA BAIRN 28 (C,D,G,S) Mrs J Ramsden 3-8-7 K Fallon 2
13 4403 HOTARIA 16 (F,S) R Whitaker 3-8-6 ..... A Culhane 13
14 -000 BREEZY BAY 10 (C,D,G,S) B McMahon 7-8-5 S Sanders (7) 12
15 5332 SADDLEROME 10 (BF,F) T Barron 4-8-0 ..... J Fanning 1
16 0010 MILBANK CHALLENGER 10 (D,F,G) M H Easterby 3-8-0 ..... S Maloney (3) 15
17 5001 SIMMIE'S SPECIAL 10 (B,D,G,S) R Hollinshead 5-7-12 ..... M Humphries (7) 4
18 0460 ABSOLUTION 10 (D,F,G,S) M Naughton 9-7-9 ..... T Williams 20
19 0004 PAGEBOY 19 (D,F) P Haslam 4-7-9 ..... C Adamson (7) 9
20 4000 PRINCE BELFORT 19 (CD,F) J Eyre 5-7-8 ..... L Charnock 3

5-1 Magic Pearl, 11-2 Riston Lady, Pageboy, 8-1 Never In The Red, Choir Practice, 10-1 Saddlerome, Simmies Special, 12-1 Drum Sergeant, 14-1 others.

4.25 OTLEY CONDITIONS STAKES (2-Y-O: £3,582: 5f) (7)

1 41 RECAPTURED DAYS 18 (B) A Scott 9-1 ..... J Fortune 1
2 4461 TOP SHOW 43 (D,F,G) K Hogg 9-1 ..... A Culhane 6
3 2201 THE FERNHILL FLYER 29 (V,D,G) J Berry 8-12 ..... J Carroll 3
4 0 JUST DUGGIE 26 R Brotherton 8-11 ..... K Fallon 2
5 2133 MARY HINGE 14 (F) Mrs J Cecil 8-10 ..... Paul Eddery 7
6 2114 ONE ON ONE 29 (F,G) W Haggas 8-10 ..... P Robinson 5
7 212 SUAAD 30 (G) H Thomson Jones 8-10 ..... R Hills 4

9-4 One On One, 3-1 Suaad, Mary Hinge, 11-2 Recaptured Days, 8-1 others.

5.00 BATLEY CLAIMING STAKES (£3,395: 1m 3f 214yd) (20)

1 0000 BORING 51 (D,F) W Storey 4-9-4 ..... J Fortune 1
2 3345 AMAR 59 (V,F) S Norton 4-9-2 ..... O Pears (3) 8
3 1240 FAIR FLYER 9 (D,F,G) M Johnston 4-9-2 ..... J Weaver 12
4 -064 SPRING SAINT 19 (B,BF) M Heaton-Ellis 4-8-12 ..... J Carroll 13
5 0-00 APRIL CITY 73 (S) M Heaton-Ellis 4-8-9 ..... D Holland 6
6 0-00 INTREPID FORT 9 B Murray 4-8-9 ..... G Parkin (7) 5
7 0050 STATIA 46 E Incesa 5-8-9 ..... Kim Tinkler 15
8 0002 PRIMO FIGLIO 11 (B,S) R Hannon 3-8-8 ..... R Perham 14
9 0-06 SAVINGS BANK 176 T Barron 3-8-8 ..... Y Halliday (7) 20
10 0000 SPRAY OF ORCHIDS 21 (G,S) J Etherington 4-8-8 A Culhane 11
11 -552 AUSTRAL JANE 25 Mrs J Ramsden 3-8-7 ..... K Fallon 17
12 0-34 MAHAASIN 15 A Bailey 5-8-7 ..... L Charnock 18
13 0510 DANCING DIAMOND 17 (G) B Lewis 3-8-5 ..... B Russell (5) 19
14 0212 GWEEK 19 (BF,G) M Tompkins 3-8-4 ..... P Robinson 7
15 0050 KEDGE 17 (V) B Johnson Houghton 3-8-3 ..... A Clark 10
16 2500 RAVENSPUR 10 J Parkes 3-8-3 ..... J Fanning 9
17 5060 TRANQUIL LADY 21 E Alston 3-8-3 ..... S Maloney (3) 4
18 3303 EURYTHMIC 18 Mrs M Reveley 3-8-2 ..... K Darley 8
19 4415 YOUNG TESS 120 (CD,S) Miss S Hall 3-8-2 ..... Paul Eddery 2
20 FLORA LADY 14J W Kemp 3-8-1 ..... N Kennedy (3) 16

4-1 Primo Figlio, 9-2 Austral Jane, 5-1 Mahaasin, 6-1 Eurythmic, 8-1 Gweek, Young Tess, 10-1 Kedge, 10-1 Fair Flyer, 12-1 Dancing Diamond, 16-1 others.

5.30 RIPLEY HANDICAP (£3,522: 7f) (20)

1 6106 OBSIDIAN GREY 32 (D,BF,F,G,S) Miss L Siddall 6-9-12 ..... O Pears (3) 18
2 0120 SUPER BENZ 22 (CD,F,G,S) B Ingalley 7-9-11 ..... L Aspell (7) 10
3 6000 BALLAD DANCER 22 (D,F,G,S) P Calver 6-9-10 ..... J Carroll 4
4 0002 QUEENS CONSUL 12 B Rothwell 3-9-10 ..... A Procter (5) 9
5 0052 CHAMPAGNE GRANDY 21 (G,S) M Channon 3-9-9 ..... R Painter (7) 11

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Hasten To Add offers Prescott last word

Richard Evans visits a trainer with more than a ghost of a chance of Cesarewitch success

If racing folklore is to be believed, the ghosts of Fred Archer and Matt Dawson shimmer along Newmarket's Moulton Road every night before hovering around Heath House stables, where the two turf legends once weaved their spell more than a century ago.

Sir Mark Prescott, the current master of Heath House, is sceptical. "I go round my yard every evening at 10.30 and I would love to meet them. Mind you, I can imagine what Mr Dawson might say. 'I trained 19 classic winners when I was here. What on earth are you playing at?'"

The 45-year-old baronet could respond that he has consistently trained more winners per horse in the yard than anybody in Britain. Tonight, he would like to be able to add that he had made history by winning the Cesarewitch with an equine giant running in only the sixth race of his career. In recent times, no horse with fewer starts to his name has landed the famous stamina test.

Victory for Hasten To Add, who at 17.2 hands must be the biggest Flat horse in training, would represent another Prescott coup, albeit a coup with a difference. The meticulous planning, encyclopaedic knowledge of the racing calendar and form book, detailed records kept on each horse's blood tests and check-ups — for which Sir Mark is renowned — are normally rewarded with hard-earned success at Hamilton Park, Edinburgh or the all-weather tracks at Southwell and Lingfield Park. The "have horse, will travel" philosophy rarely includes Newmarket on Champion Stakes day.

Sir Mark has made his name by coaxing the best out of ordinary and, in some cases, all but useless horses. From a self-imposed maximum of 50 horses in the yard, he has in recent seasons achieved totals of 48, 49, 50 and, so far this campaign, 51 winners. Down the years he has conjured remarkable winning runs from horses with no claims to champion status. In 1980 Spindrifter set a world record with 10 consecutive victories in a season; Misty Halo won 21 of her 42 races, while Marching On and Mandalus won 13 apiece.

"Running a racing stable is like running a school. The horses are the children, the owners are the parents and the racecourse is the examination. I'm like a comprehensive schoolmaster; I have children from widely differing backgrounds. My job is to maximise their talents, just like schoolchildren. Find out what they can do and get them doing it as well as possible. I find it endlessly fascinating."

Fascinating, rewarding, but also, to a point, self-defeating. Sir Mark knows that his reputation means owners tend to rely on him to get the best out of the worst, rather than the best out of the best. That niggles. Having taken out a licence at the age of 21, when he became much the youngest trainer in Newmarket, the absence of a star horse, a group one or classic winner, remains the grit in his oyster. To make matters worse, he does not understand why.

"I wonder if there is anything wrong. If you train so many winners, probably more than anybody else from basically less good animals than most of the top boys have, why hasn't a good, proper horse come through? I know there has been Chicmond, Case Law and Two Left Feet, but they became good horses by application. They were not that good to start with, but upgraded themselves, like children, by a determination to succeed.

"But why have we missed the enormously talented one, who by accident should have walked through the doors? After all, the best horses don't always cost the most. What I don't understand is how I have not come across a star by luck, never mind working hard, as I do, trying to select them."

Placing hand squarely on heart, he swears that none of his multiple winners could have risen to the top had he campaigned them differently. Ironically, the closest he came to the elusive star was a yearling son of Northfields, which he bought cheaply at the sales in the early 1970s and sold on quickly for a £100 profit. "I thought I had done very well. He turned out to be North Stoke, who was syndicated for £4.8 million."

Heath House certainly deserves a champion. Like its disciplinarian, hare-coursing owner, whose somewhat formidable exterior gives way to enormous wit and flair for repartee, the yard boasts five-star facilities behind its broken-glass topped walls.

An equine swimming pool, south facing sun lounges, fit alongside an impressive indoor covered ride, which has immediate access on to the gallops. Then there is the goat. "He hasn't got a name, he's just the goat. He's responsible for a dozen winners as he accompanies nervy horses to the races."

Should the services of the goat be required this afternoon, they will be for the trainer, not Hasten To Add. The idea of landing the Cesarewitch "flashed across my mind after he won easily at Southwell". The plotting and planning then began in earnest so that the giant grey got into the race on a decent weight.

"The plan is correct. Whether it works out on the day we'll see, but there is nothing wrong with the plan. The horse most likely to win the race is Hasten To Add. Anybody would agree with that."

The relentless rain earlier this week had been a worry. But sunshine and drying wind over the last couple of days have brought a smile to the face of Sir Mark. Thinking, perhaps, of being confronted by two spirits from racing's celestial hall of fame, he added: "I'll have to think of a different excuse now."

HUGH ROUTLEDGE

Prescott relaxes on the run-up to the Cesarewitch

Hatoof back on the right track

NEWMARKET
C4

TODAY'S RACES ON TELEVISION

1.50: A number of form lines suggest Blyton Lad, Hard To Figure, Splice, Marina Park and Zarani Sidi Anna are closely matched. Preference is for Blyton Lad, who may not have been at his best over five furlongs here last time. However, such was the improvement shown by Arjuzah at Doncaster that she could run away with this.

2.20: A veritable lottery, but those who must take an interest should consider In Case. This lightly-raced sort will be better suited to the track after Epsom's fast strip proved his undoing last time. He should beat Press The Bell today. The handicapper took exception to Benzoe's runaway York victory, but Dark Eyed Lady and Alasib have claims.

3.00: Hasten To Add's chance is obvious; he is 9lb better with My Patriarch, himself fancied, for a short-head defeat in a three-runner Newcastle event last time out. However, he is short enough for one unproven at this marathon trip. In a slightly sub-standard affair, the consistent Provence looks worth an interest. He should have no trouble staying and he is unpenalised for his latest victory, when Jack Button and Sun Grebe were second and fourth respectively. Both Green Lane and Ritto have claims, while Five To Seven looks well handicapped.

3.40: Hatoof can lower Muhtarram's colours in a fascinating event. Best when fresh, last year's 1,000 Guineas winner loves a straight track and has been trained for the race all season. Her two fourth placings have come at Longchamp and are best ignored; she does not care for that track. Muhtarram, a high-class colt, mastered subsequent Arc third, Opera House, in Ireland last time. That form may not quite stand up; Lord Of The Field, subsequently unsighted in the Cambridgeshire, was only three lengths back in third. Knifebox will not have the testing conditions he relishes, while Dernier Empereur has improvement to find if he is to upset the principals.

JULIAN MUSCAT

NEWMARKET

THUNDERER

1.50 Hard To Figure
2.20 Medaille D'Or
3.00 Sun Grebe
3.40 Hatoof
4.15 Sand Table
4.45 Indhar
5.20 LET'S GET LOST (nap)

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 1.50 ARJUZAH (nap). 3.00 Hasten To Add. 3.40 Muhtarram.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 1.50 BLYTON LAD.

GOING: GOOD — DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE — SIS

1.50 BEDFORD LODGE HOTEL BENTINCK STAKES (Listed race: £10,464: 6f) (13 runners) C4

101 (7) 21-P053 BLYTON LAD 18 (C,D,BF,F,G) (Mrs J Addleshaw) M Camacho 7-9-2.. S Webster 89
102 (5) 101600 CROFT VALLEY 15 (G,D,F,G,S) (Miss V Pratt) R Akehurst 6-9-2 T Quinn 81
103 (4) 062400 FYLDE FLYER 9 (CD,F,G,S) (Blackpool Gazette) J Berry 4-9-2 G Duffield 86
104 (13) 343256 MONTENDRE 21 (D,F,G) (D Mort) M McCormack 6-9-2 J Reid 90
105 (12) 623511 BUNTY BOO 34 (D,G,S) (Mrs R Mayall) B McMahon 4-8-0 A Mackay 87
106 (9) 113303 EN ATTENDANT 15 (F,G) (Mrs B Newton) B Hanbury 5-8-12 L Piggott 92
107 (11) 021614 HARD TO RESIRE 21 (CD,F,G,S) (J Mussell) R Hodges 7-8-12 R Cochrane 98
108 (3) 102001 BRANSTON ABBY 15 (CD,F,G,S) (J Abell) M Johnston 4-8 11 M Roberts 95
109 (6) 145402 SPLICE 15 (CD,F,G) (Cheveley Park Stud) J Fanshawe 4-8-11 Pat Eddery 95
110 (8) 0-1621 ARJUZAH 37 (F,S) (H Al-Maktoum) J Gosden 3-8-10 W Carson 93
111 (10) 534612 MARINA PARK 21 (D,F,G,S) (Greenland Park Ltd) M Johnston 3-8-10 L Dettori 93
112 (2) 040500 SPARK 29 (D,F) (C Elsey) C W Elsey 3-8-6 A Munro 71
113 (1) 030136 ZARANI SIDI ANNA 13 (D,G,S) (M Al Maktoum) M Stoute 3-8-6.. W R Swinburn 96

BETTING: 3-1 Zarani Sidi Anna, 5-1 Marina Park, 11-2 Arjuzah, 6-1 Splice, 7-1 Blyton Lad, 8-1 Branston Abby, 12-1 En Attendant, Hard To Figure, Montendre, 14-1 Fylde Flyer, 16-1 Bunty Boo, 20-1 Croft Valley, 100-1 Spark.

1992: HAMAS 3-8-11 W Carson (18-1) P Walwyn 11 ran

FORM FOCUS

EN ATTENDANT 3½l 3rd of 7 to Gabr in a listed race here (1m, good). HARD TO RESIRE beat Thutfulal Image ½l in the 29-runner Ayr Gold Cup on penultimate start (6f, good to firm), with FYLDE FLYER 7l 21st. BRANSTON ABBY beat Alasib a head in a handicap over course and distance (good). SPLICE ½l 2nd of 10 to My-O-My in a listed race here (5f, good), with BLYTON LAD a neck 3rd. ARJUZAH beat Moon Over Miami 5l in a listed race at Doncaster (7f, soft). MARINA PARK 4l 2nd of 9 to Cutcall in the group III Diadem Stakes at Ascot (5f, good to soft), with ZARANI SIDI ANNA (4lb better off) ½l 3rd, HARD TO RISIRE (3lb better off) 2½l 4th, MONTENDRE (1lb worse off) 2½l 6th and SPLICE (1lb better off) 2½l 7th. ZARANI SIDI ANNA 7½l 6th of 11 to Lochsong in group I Prix de l'Abbaye at Longchamp (5f, heavy). Selection: ZARANI SIDI ANNA

2.20 OLIVIER DOUIEB MEMORIAL RATED HANDICAP (£8,580: 5f) (22 runners) C4

201 (2) 040500 SPANIARDS CLOSE 22 (D,G,S) (Avon Industries Ltd) P Makin 5-9-7 W R Swinburn 90
202 (14) 154000 EL YASAF 28 (B,D,G,S) (T Pearson) T Naughton 5-9-3 Stephen Davies (3) 96
203 (10) 564053 MEDAILLE D'OR 18 (B,D,F,G,S) (J K Borrett) J Payne 5-9-1 B Raymond 91
204 (16) 562-014 IN CASE 47 (D,BF,F,G) (K Abdulla) R Charlton 3-9-0 Pat Eddery 92
205 (20) 254044 SIR HARRY HARDMAN 18 (B,D,G,S) (P Hobbs) F Lee 5-9-0 M Hills 96
206 (1) 0-25100 MASSIBA 15 (F,G,S) (F Salesbury) M Heaton-Ellis 4-8-13 D McCabe (5) 91
207 (6) 655303 BOLD LEZ 22 (D,F,G,S) (Ansells of Watford) M Haynes 6-8-13 R Cochrane 98
208 (3) 130356 SAINT EXPRESS 16 (D,F,G) (M St Quinton) R Whitaker 3-8-11 W Carson 94
209 (16) 000621 BENZOE 7 (B,S) (T Fawcett) M W Easterby 3-8-10 T Lucas 89
210 (13) 354242 MISTERTOPOGIGO 22 (D,F) (G Aless) G Beasley 3-8 10 A Munro 95
211 (11) 301312 ALASIB 15 (D,F) (A Faustok) W Jarvis 3-8-9 L Dettori 95
212 (8) 0-00102 GONE SAVAGE 32 (D,BF,F,G,S) (Broughton Incubation) W Musson 5-8-7.. J Reid 87
213 (12) 030330 CRADLE DAYS 71 (D,F,G) (T Johnsey) R Hannon 4-8-7 M Roberts 92
214 (19) 220000 ASHTINA 22 (CD,F,G,S) (Ms S Joyner) R Hodges 8-8-7 J Quinn 94
215 (9) 330105 BODARI 32 (CD,F,S) (R Thomas) D Wilson 4-8-7 D Harrison 93
216 (21) 330120 MACFARLANE 21 (D,G,S) (P F-Godley) M Fetherston-Godley 5-8-7 F Norton 90
217 (22) 300013 SIR JOEY 28 (D,F,S) (Mrs A Sims) P Murphy 4-8-7 S Drowne (5) 88
218 (5) 3256 HOPE HALL 115 (D Cee) R Whitaker 5-8-7 W Ryan 80
219 (7) 030206 TRUE PRECISION 9 (C,D,G,S) (T Lock) J Bassett 3-8-6 L Piggott 93
220 (17) 318412 PRESS THE BELL 47 (D,F,G) (S Mason) J Berry 3-8-5 P Roberts (7) 88
221 (4) 211024 NO EXTRAS 57 (D,BF,F,G,S) (K Higson) G L Moore 3-8-5 B Rouse 88
222 (15) 240002 DARK EYED LADY 18 (D,F,S) (Mrs M Godley) D Arbuthnot 3-8 6 T Quinn 92

Long handicap: Ashtina 8-5, Bodari 8-3, Macfarlane 8-2, Sir Joey 7-13, Hope Hall 7-8, True Precision 8-5, Press The Bell 8-3, No Extras 8-1, Dark Eyed Lady 7-12 (lillingham weight: 4-Y-0+: 8-7 3-Y-O: 8-6).

BETTING: 9-1 Alasib, Benzoe, 10-1 In Case, 12-1 Gone Savage, Mistertopogigo, 14-1 Bold Lez, Saint Express, Sir Harry Hardman, Sir Joey, 16-1 Macfarlane, Massiba, Medaille D'Or, 20-1 others.

1992: HEATHER BANK 3-9-4 G Carter (20-1) J Berry 24 ran

FORM FOCUS

MEDAILLE D'OR 2¼l 3rd of 7 to Lucky Parkes in a conditions race at Newcastle (5f, good), with SIR HARRY HARDMAN (2lb better off) 1½l 4th. SAINT EXPRESS 4½l 8th of 10 to My-O-My in a listed race over course and distance (good). BENZOE beat Jigsaw Boy 5l in a 23-runner handicap at York (6f, heavy). MISTERTOPOGIGO 3½l 2nd of 11 to Call Me I'm Blue in a handicap at Ascot (5f, good to soft), with BOLD LEZ (2lb better off) 2l 3rd. SPANIARD CLOSE (4lb better off) 4½l 7th and ASHTINA (4lb better off) 5l 11th. ALASIB head 2nd of 14 to Branston Abby in a handicap here (6f, good), with MASSIBA (3lb better off) 5l 9th. GONE SAVAGE 4l 2nd of 15 to Metal Boys in a claimer at Sandown (5f, soft), with BODARI (2lb worse off) 3l 5th. PRESS THE BELL 1½l 2nd of 8 to Sabre Rattler in a handicap at Epsom (5f, good), with IN CASE (4lb better off) 1½l 4th and ASHTINA (5lb better off) 4l 7th.
Selection: MEDAILLE D'OR

3.00 TOTE CESAREWITCH HANDICAP (£50,915: 2m 2f) (31 runners) C4

301 (22) 266232 JACK BUTTON 30 (F,G,S) (A and B Racing) Bob Jones 4-9-10 N Connorton 90
302 (5) 134112 BALASANI 112 (BF,F,G,S) (M Smith) M Pipe 7-9-8 Pat Eddery 90
303 (26) 311311 MY PATRIARCH 18 (C,F,G) (P Winfield) J Dunlop 3-9-0 J Williams 91
304 (21) 204-213 AAHSAYLAD 57 (D,D,F,G,S) (Mrs M Reveley) 5-8-10 Darren Moffatt (5) 85
305 (23) 0-14122 MY DESIRE 86 (D,F,G,S) (S & G Gutters) M Johnston 4-8-9 J Reid 90
306 (14) 150430 ENCORE UNE FOIS 23 (F,G,S) (S & G Gutters) M Johnston 4-8-8 B Raymond 87
307 (11) 303105 FREE MOVER 47 (G,S) (Chesta Racing) N Graham 4-8-8 L Dettori 92
308 (10) 4-30120 ROSINA MAE 57 (C,F,G) (Greenland Park Ltd) Lord Huntingdon 4-8-7.. M Roberts 91
309 (1) 111204 BOLD RESOLUTION 23 (C,F,G,S) (R Cyzer) C Cyzer 5-8-5 T Quinn 94
310 (31) 522561 GREEN LANE 19 (F,G,S) (R Lynch) R Akehurst 5-8-5 N Carlisle 84
311 (27) /0/1130 RODEO STAR 112 (F,S) (J Bradbury) N Tinkler 7-8-4 M Hills 93
312 (3) 335200 SWORD MASTER 35 (G) (I Vogg) Bob Jones 4-8-3 W Ryan 93
313 (2) 412321 PROVENCE 30 (D,F,S) (Mrs P Harris) P Harris 6-8-3 B Rouse 91
314 (6) 484065 MISS PIN UP 15 (C,F,G) (E Baldwin) Pat Mitchell 4-8-3 G Hind 86
315 (16) 213030 CHAKALAK 23 (F,G) (P Chakko) S Dow 5-8-3 A Munro 96
316 (26) 121501 GREY POWER 12 (F,G,S) (A Frame) Mrs M Reveley 6-8-3 B Doyle (3) 89
317 (7) 25-3005 TOP SPIN 21J (V,F,G) (J Long) J Jenkins 4-8-2 C Rutter 93
318 (4) 003423 BARDOLPH 19 (BF,F,G,S) (Pin Oak Stable) M Prescott 3-7-13 G Duffield 89
319 (9) 31212 HASTEN TO ADD 15 (F,G) (Pin Oak Stable) M Prescott 3-7-12 J Lowe 90
320 (29) 024-602 IRISH STAMP 40 (S) (P O'Donnell) J Pearce 4-7-12 A McGlone 89
321 (18) 0/13523- MAAMUR 273J (S) (Park Industrial Supplies Ltd) M Pipe 5-7-10 G Bardwell 90
322 (25) 364335 DOYCE 23 (G,S) (Lord Matthews) R Williams 4-7-10 W Carson 95
323 (12) 401114 SUN GREBE 30 (BF,F,G) (Sir Thomas Pilkington) J Dunlop 3-7-10.. D Harrison 96
324 (30) 31432 RITTO 23 (G) (Sheikh Mohammed) B Hills 3-7-9 N Varley (7) 82
325 (24) 0/11012 MARDOOD 96 (D,BF,F,S) (J Fretwell) P Leach 8-7-8 J Quinn 96
326 (13) 011061 FIVE TO SEVEN 26 (G,S) (The Five to Seven Partnership) S Norton 4-7-8 D Wright (5) 97
327 (19) 5-43120 ISLAND BLADE 10 (F,G,S) (Lime Street Racing) R Akehurst 4-7-7 A Mackay 86
328 (20) 142330 ALLMOSA 52 (F,G) (The Dundans Four (II) Two) T Naughton 4-7-7 N Adams 89
329 (15) 133133 TILTY 15 (F,G) (Mrs P Cook) R Hannon 3-7-7 D Toole (7) 88
330 (6) /42010 POPSY'S LEGACY 35 (G) (M Haynes) M Haynes 6-7-7 S Wood 78
331 (17) 00P0-05 GO SOUTH 26 (CD,F,G,S) (R Joachem) J Jenkins 9-7-7 ..

Long handicap: Island Blade 7-5, Allmosa 7-5, Tilty 7-3, Popsy's Legacy 7-2, Go South 7-0.

BETTING: 6-1 Hasten To Add, 10-1 Aahsaylad, Irish Stamp, My Patriarch, 12-1 Balasani, Ritto, 16-1 Provence, Sun Grebe, 20-1 Green Lane, 25-1 Bardolph, Bold Resolution, Five To Seven, Mardood, 28-1 Tilty, 33-1 others.

1992: VINTAGE CROP 5-9-6 W R Swinburn (5-1 fav) D Weld (Ire) 24 ran

FORM FOCUS

BALASANI 7l 2nd of 18 to Highthyng in the Northumberland Plate at Newcastle (2m, good to firm), with RODEO STAR (9lb better off) 25l 14th. MY PATRIARCH beat HASTEN TO ADD (9lb better off) a short head in a 3-runner handicap at Newcastle (2m, good). AAHSAYLAD 11 3rd of 15 to Welshman in a handicap at Chester (2m, good to soft), with ROSINA MAE (2lb better off) 30l 13th. GREEN LANE beat Elburg 4l in a 15-runner handicap at Bath (2m 1f, good), with BARDOLPH (4lb better off) 4l in a handicap at Bath (2m 1f, good). PROVENCE beat JACK BUTTON 3l in a 7-runner handicap at Yarmouth (2m 2f, good to soft), with SUN GREBE (2lb worse off) 3l 4th and GREEN LANE 7l 6th. GREY POWER beat Reach For Glory 3½l in a 14-runner apprentices' handicap at Pontefract (1m 4f, soft). IRISH STAMP 3l 2nd of 20 to Briggensall in a handicap at Nottingham (2m, firm). FIVE TO SEVEN beat Bally Knight ¾l in an 18-runner handicap at Nottingham (2m, soft), with GO SOUTH (7lb worse off) 10l 5th.
Selection: HASTEN TO ADD

3.40 DUBAI CHAMPION STAKES (Group I: £205,707: 1m 2f) (12 runners) C4

401 (12) 411062 ALFLORA 13 (F,S) (Paras Racing) C Brittain 4-9-3 L Piggott 92
402 (6) 021122 BOBZAO 23 (D,F,G,S) (T Mills) T Mills 4-9-3 J Reid 87
403 (3) 020006 ENVIRONMENT FRIEND 36 (C,D,F,G) (W Gredley) J Fanshawe 5-9-3 M Hills 90
404 (5) 5-12010 EZZOUD 13 (V,C,D,F,G,S) (M Al Maktoum) M Stoute 4-9-3 B Raymond 89
405 (7) 161-111 KNIFEBOX 14 (D,G,S) (Shaikh Mohammed) J Gosden 5-9-3 M Roberts 96
406 (8) 454-111 MUHTARRAM 25 (D,F,G) (H Al-Maktoum) J Gosden 4-9-3 W Carson 98
407 (11) 045503 RISK MASTER 23 (G) (Mrs B Sanner) C Horgan 4-9-3 W Woods 72
408 (1) 11-1441 HATOOF 19 (C,D,G,S) (M Al Maktoum) Mrs C Head (Fr) 4-9-0 W R Swinburn 96
409 (9) 532412 DERNIER EMPEREUR 34 (D,G,S) (P de Moussac) A Fabre (Fr) 3-8-12.. T Jarnet 88
410 (4) 451403 REVELATION 27 (D,F,S) (Cheveley Park Stud) R Hannon 3-8-12 T Quinn 86
411 (2) 110300 TENBY 60 (CD,F,G,S) (K Abdulla) H Cecil 3-8-12 Pat Eddery 89
412 (10) 12-282 DANCING BLOOM 59 (G) (Lord Weinstock) M Stoute 3-8-9 L Dettori 88

BETTING: 5-2 Hatoof, Muhtarram, 11-2 Knifebox, 7-1 Dernier Empereur, 8-1 Ezzoud, 14-1 Alflora, 20-1 Dancing Bloom, Tenby, 33-1 Revelation, 40-1 Bobzao, 100-1 Environment Friend, 500-1 Risk Master.

1992: RODRIGO DE TRIANO 3-8-12 L Piggott (11-8 fav) P Chapple-Hyam 10 ran

FORM FOCUS

ALFLORA 1½l 2nd of 10 to Valeria in group II Prix de Royal Point at Longchamp (1m, heavy). KNIFEBOX beat Fanmore 8l in 5-runner group II Prix Dollar at Longchamp (1m 1f 110yd, heavy). MUHTARRAM beat Opera House ½l in the 10-runner group I Guineas Champion Stakes at Leopardstown (1m 2f, good). HATOOF beat Baya 4l in 9-runner the group III La Coupe de Maisons Laffitte (1m 2f, good). DERNIER EMPEREUR 1½l 2nd of 5 to Hernando in the group II Prix Niel Escalais at Longchamp (1m 4f, soft). DANCING BLOOM 3½l 2nd of 8 to Only Royale in the group I Yorkshire Oaks at York (1m 4f, good).
Selection: HATOOF (nap)

4.15 ROTHMANS ROYALS NORTH SOUTH CHALLENGE SERIES HANDICAP (Final: £28,660: 1m) (21 runners)

501 (12) 550025 TISSISAT 28 (V,D,F,G) (The Queen) I Balding 4-10-0 L Dettori 96
502 (11) 3-21121 HI NOD 30 (F,G) (B Nordan) M Camacho 3-9-11 R Cochrane 91
503 (19) 032113 SAIFAN 28 (B,D,F,G) (Mrs R Hawes) D Morris 4-9-8 C Hodgson (3) 96
504 (14) 4-00300 SAND TABLE 28 (G) (Mrs J Sutcliffe) J Sutcliffe 4-9-5 J Reid 90
505 (9) 111335 SWEET MIGNONETTE 35 (D,F,G) (R Whitehead) Mrs M Reveley 5-9-4.. A Munro 92
506 (1) 514002 WALKING THE PLANK 28 (V,D,F,G) (M White) P Webber 4-9-3.. W R Swinburn 97
507 (13) 341140 PRIDE OF PENDLE 35 (D,F,G,S) (W Wilson) P Calver 4-9-0 W Ryan 89
508 (4) 310020 INDIAN SLAVE 28 (C,D,F,G) (R Astore) R Guest 5-8-13 D Harrison 98
509 (6) 020060 MENTALASANYTHIN 14 (D,G,S) (Mrs M O'Donnell) A Bailey 4-8-12.. A Mackay 95
510 (20) 420060 BLOCKADE 28 (D,F,G,S) (A Warnecke) M Bell 4-8-12 M Hills 98
511 (16) 430000 BALLERINA BAY 14 (V,D,F,G) (Mrs C Whitwoth) D Thom 5-8-11 Paul Eddery 95
512 (21) 032330 CREDIT SQUEEZE 28 (F) (R Naylor) R Johnson Houghton 3-8-11 L Piggott 97
513 (18) 355501 PROUD BRIGADIER 12 (D,G,S) (M Lawrance) M Channon 5-8 10 T Quinn 98
514 (7) 043004 MARINE DIVER 28 (D,F,G) (Martyn Tydill Car Ltd) B Millman 7-8-10 S Whitworth 97
515 (2) 130400 LORD OBERON 28 (V,D,F,G) (Mrs A Colin) J Akehurst 5-8-8 M Roberts 95
516 (10) 410010 SELF EXPRESSION 11 (D,BF,F,G,S) Mrs J Ramsden 5-8-7 S Drowne (5) 92
517 (3) 000000 WYNONA 28 (C,G) (Mrs M Wyn Griffith) G Bravery 3-8-7 B Raymond 93
518 (17) 541003 NORTHERN CHIEF 7 (D,F,S) (T Crimp) M H Easterby 3-8-5 M Birch 94
519 (5) 324400 NOBBY BARNES 14 (D,G) (T Riley-Smith) D Wilson 4-8-0 B Crossley 89
520 (15) 005000 HABETA 11 (B,D,F,G) (R Bickerstaff) J Watts 7-7-12 J Lowe 93
521 (8) 105200 LEGEND DULAC 19 (D,G,S) (T Wells) J Harris 4-7-10 J Quinn 92

BETTING: 8-1 Sand Table, 9-1 Hi Nod, 10-1 Self Expression, 12-1 Marine Diver, Northern Chief, Saifan, Tissisat, 14-1 Lord Oberon, Sweet Mignonette, Walking The Plank, 16-1 Indian Slave, Pride Of Pendle, 20-1 others.

1992: SAAFEMD 4-7-10 W Carson (12-1) J Sutcliffe 22 ran

FORM FOCUS

TISSISAT ½l 2nd of 10 to Huntless Brow in a handicap at Chester (7f 122yd, soft), with LORD OBERON (2lb better off) 4½l 4th and MENTALASANYTHIN (1lb better off) 1½l 7th. HI NOD beat Amazing Feat 1l in a 7-runner handicap at Ayr (7f, good to firm). WALKING THE PLANK 2l 2nd of 20 to Penny Drops in a handicap at Newbury (1m, good to soft), with SAIFAN (3lb better off) 2l 3rd, MARINE DIVER (4lb better off) 2l 4th. TISSISAT (5lb better off) 2½l 5th, SAND TABLE (5lb better off) 1½l 7th, PROUD BRIGADIER (6lb worse off) 1l 11th. LORD OBERON 3l 11th, CREDIT SQUEEZE 1l 12th, NOBBY BARNES 7l 14th, BALLERINA BAY 2l 15th, BLOCKADE 3l 17th and INDIAN SLAVE 8l 19th. SELF EXPRESSION beat HI NOD (1lb worse off) ¾l in an 11-runner handicap at Doncaster (1m, soft), with SWEET MIGNONETTE (5lb better off) 2½l 5th, MENTALASANYTHIN (7lb better off) 7l 8th, LEGEND DULAC 1l 7th, PRIDE OF PENDLE 1l 9th, NORTHERN CHIEF 1l 10th and HABETA 2l 11th.
Selection: HI NOD

4.45 HOUGHTON CONDITIONS STAKES (2-Y-O: £9,084: 7f) (10 runners)

601 (1) 1 SUPUZI 24 (D,G) (Scuderia Rencati Srl) L Cumani 9-0 R Cochrane —
602 (5) AMANCIO (P Locke) G Harwood 8-12 J Reid —
603 (7) BROADWAY FLYER (Mrs S Bosher) J Hills 8-12 M Hills —
604 (4) 0 CZARNA 18 (Ovidstown Investments Ltd) C Brittain 8-12 M Roberts 80
605 (9) 0 DESERT CONDUROR 16 (M Al Maktoum) A Scott 8-12 W R Swinburn 81
606 (3) DUNAAM (H Al-Maktoum) J Dunlop 8-12 Pat Eddery —
607 (6) 1 INDHAR 31 (D,S) (Miss P Rowan) J Banks 8-12 J Quinn 85
608 (2) 1 LUHUK 31 (D,S) (H Al-Maktoum) J Dunlop 8-12 W Carson 93
609 (8) MASNAD (H Al-Maktoum) R Armstrong 8-12 R Price —
610 (10) 311 WAFAYT 7 (D,S) (Shaikh Ahmed Al Maktoum) J Gosden 8-12 L Dettori 89

BETTING: 2-1 Wafayt, 3-1 Luhuk, 6-1 Indhar, Supuzi, 8-1 Amancio, 14-1 Czarna, 16-1 others.

1992: BARATHEA 9-5 L Dettori (2-1) L Cumani 10 ran

FORM FOCUS

SUPUZI beat Cavamoro 8l in a 10-runner maiden at San Siro (7f 110yd, good). INDHAR best Stellar 1l in a 19-runner maiden at Yarmouth (7f, good to soft).

LUHUK beat William Tell ¾l in a 13-runner maiden at Sandown (7f, soft). WAFAYT beat Nizasi 6l in a 4-runner conditions race at York (7f, heavy).
Selection: WAFAYT

5.20 WESTFIELD HOUSE HANDICAP (£6,258: 1m) (30 runners)

1 (14) 000-236 ARANY 133 (D,S) (Mrs P Kalmus) M Tompkins 6-9-12 S Maloney (7) 90
2 (18) 5-40040 NASHVILLE BLUES 56 (D,F,G) (Mrs S Bosher) J Hills 4-9-12 M Hills 93
3 (13) 15-203 BUROOJ 16 (S) (H Al-Maktoum) D Morley 3-9-11 W Carson 95
4 (25) 1-6530 FABRIANA 106 (S) (Mrs P Payne) T Mangham 3-9-11 T Quinn 90
5 (8) 0-02400 MULLITOVER 25 (S) (Mrs D Mutley) M Haslam-Ellis 3-9-9 A Munro 87
6 (12) 640652 AITCH N'BEE 24 (CD,G,S) (Lady Herries) Lady Herries 10-9-7 L Dettori 95
7 (6) 001100 DASWAD 25 (CD,F,G,S) (D Allen) G L Moore 5-9-6 B Rouse 98
8 (17) 04-0030 YAJEED 14 (BF,F) (A Mazza) A Scott 3-9-6 M Roberts 95
9 (10) 030200 PRENOMADOSS 14 (F) (Mrs W Oxon) D Arbuthnot 5-9-4 J Williams 89
10 (26) 5-43622 ARAK 29 (F) (D Crossland) M Johnston 5-9-4 B Deffield 93
11 (15) 626215 KING PARIS 31 (D,F,G) (Mrs P Karpidas) M Bell 3-9-2 M Fenton (3) 95
12 (4) 0-53045 LAMKRIDGE 19 (BF) (Mrs H Dalgety) W Haggas 3-9-2 W R Swinburn 91
13 (2) 02260-6 ELANMATINA 113 (F) (P Gregory) C Wall 4-9-2 B Raymond 90
14 (11) 220130 RIVAL BID 26 (S) (D Allison) M Jarvis 5-9-1 M Tebbutt 95
15 (16) 001206 EXCLUSION 25 (G,S) (T Frost) H Candy 4-9-0 W Newnes 94
16 (20) 510200 DUTOSKY 38 (F,G,S) (Lord Matthews) R Williams 3-8-13 R Cochrane 93
17 (19) 024030 LET'S GET LOST 22 (D,F) (A Sheed) W Haggas 4-8-13 L Piggott 96
18 (1) 051-005 ROSE ELEGANCE 61 (CD,F,G) (E Badger) O O'Neill 4-8-13 V Slattery 92
19 (7) 300156 HOPEFUL BID 14 (D,G) (H Capon) R Hannon 4-8-11 J Reid 96
20 (28) 000201 BRAVEBOY 14 (C,S) (The Dowager Lady Beaverbrook) C Brittain 5-8-10 B Doyle (3) 97
21 (30) 00-0020 ROCALITY 14 (D,BF,F,G,S) (G Mist) M Channon 4-8-10 W Woods 88
22 (22) 602551 NITOUCHE 11 (G,S) (D Steinitz) A Hide 3-8-9 D Harrison 96
23 (29) 433412 PARFAIT AMOUR 26 (D,BF,F) (R Whitaker) R Whitaker 4-8-8 A Mackay 97
24 (23) 321010 DUCKEY FUZZ 23 (BF,G,S) (Mrs W Faiers) R Flower 5-8-7 W Ryan 93
25 (27) 500000 NORTH ESK 24 (D,F,G) (A Speyer) D Wilson 4-8-6 D McCabe (5) 95
26 (9) 600043 SEA BARON 17 (Seven Seas Racing) M Blanshard 3-8-6 J Quinn 92
27 (21) 334300 BRILLIANT 11 (D,F,S) (Mrs L Pearce) J Pearce 5-8-6 M Wigham 95
28 (5) 2000-60 RETENDER 17 (F) (P Leonard) Mrs J Ramsden 4-8-4 G Hind 98
29 (3) 200033 SWIFT SILVER 10 (G,S) (Lord Rowallan) W Musson 5-8-4 A McGlone 94
30 (24) 001120 MISTY GOODESS 64 (F,G) (J Good) M Jarvis 5-8-3 K Rutter (5) 89

BETTING: 10-1 Retender, 12-1 Braveboy, Parfait Amour, 14-1 Aitch N' Bee, Arak, Lamkridge, Let's Get Lost, North Esk, Rival Bid, 16-1 Daswad, King Paris, Nitouche, Swift Silver, 20-1 others.

1992: CAMBRIAN 3-9-3 G Duffield (20-1) Mrs J Cecil 23 ran

FORM FOCUS

BUROOJ 3l 3rd of 13 to Chalisyard in a handicap at Newmarket (1m 2f, good). AITCH N'BEE neck 2nd to Kingchip Boy in a handicap at Brighton (1m, good to firm). ARAK head 2nd of 15 to Walkwright in a handicap at Ayr (1m, good to firm). BRAVEBOY beat Dui Rita ¾l in a handicap at Newmarket (7f, good to soft), with HOPEFUL BID (5lb better off) 3½l 6th. NITOUCHE best Mineminno ½l in a handicap at Redcar (7f, good to soft). SWIFT SILVER 1½l 3rd of 15 to Bit On The Side in a handicap at York (1m 2f 89yd, heavy).
Selection: BUROOJ

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rors	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
A Fabre	7	20	35.0	N Varley	4	16	25.0
T Mills	3	12	25.0	Pat Eddery	93	507	18.3
Lady Herries	5	22	22.7	W R Swinburn	67	417	16.1
W Haggas	20	66	30.3	W Carson	86	561	15.3
W Hern	70	338	20.7	S Webster	3	20	15.0
H Cecil	12	63	19.0	M Hills	38	272	14.0

Newmarket

Going: good to soft

1.30 (7f) 1, Tom Morgan (Pat Eddery, 11-8); 2, Swedish Invader (Evens fav); 3, Response (7-1). 3 ran. 1½l, 6l. P Walwyn. Tote: £2.00. DF: £1.20. CSF: £2.80.

2.00 (6f) 1, Tazmu (M Hills, 9-2); 2, Tabook (7-2 fav); 3, Numbered Account (33-1). 19 ran. Nk, 2l. G Wragg. Tote: £4.10; £1.80,

Saturday portrait: John Daly, by Simon Barnes

Life and soul of the fairways driving golf to new heights

All games are about winning and losing; therefore, the kind of play we should admire the most is the kind of play that is most likely to bring about victory. This is a logically sound contention: the only thing wrong is that it is not true.

For every game that has ever been invented has a second agenda, something quite apart from the business of winning and losing. Perhaps I merely mean that every game has a mind, suffused with thoughts of victory — but also, every game has a soul.

If Nick Faldo represents the mind of golf, then John Daly represents the soul. The mind of golf is about hitting a little ball into a series of holes using the club as seldom as possible. But the soul is to do with a glorying in the human power to defy gravity and Daly's golf celebrates nothing less than the power of flight.

Ask a golfer to explain the addiction and you never hear about the satisfaction of holing a putt, or even winning a competition. You hear about the rare, elusive beauty of the perfect drive, straight, true and soaring. Golf's soul food.

Today, Daly is whacking 300-yard drives at St Andrews in the Alfred Dunhill Cup. One good thing about St Andrews is that at least the cognoscenti do not shout "you the man" at every punishing wallop that Daly lets rip. Next week, he takes part in the Toyota World Match Play tournament at Wentworth. Both events are absolutely cock-a-hoop to have him: Daly is, without doubt, the biggest draw in golf. Comparisons with Andre Agassi in tennis are obvious.

But let us get serious — or rather, let golf apply its mind for a moment. Daly, 27, is 68th on the United States money-list and ranked 89th in the world. He is 180th in the world in driving accuracy. This is not a world-beater.

But the point about Daly is simplicity itself — and here is the killer-stat to explain it. He is the longest driver in the world by ten yards. The previous holder of that honour led his nearest rival by 0.2 yards. The difference between Daly and the rest is phenomenal, unprecedented. Daly is halfway between a freak show and a genius.

All games have this same mind-and-soul dichotomy. People get the two things confused all the time; at least half of all pub arguments depend on this confusion. Gary Lineker represents all that is both good and effective in football — as an instrument for victory he has been supreme — but if we seek the soul of football, we turn to George Best. "The boy can *play*," football people say. That does not mean he wins matches for you, it means he can control a football. He is in touch with the soul.

Rugby Union people go lyrical about Jeremy Guscott. When he scores tries, they are — well, what rugby really should be all about. In cricket, there are a thousand statistics-compiling batsmen for the mind of the game, the odd one or two in touch with the game's soul. This is not a simple matter of Roundheads and Cavaliers, for a succesful slogger is not soul food. It is a matter of sumptuous timing: again, an apparent defiance of physics. Which of us has not seen a well-compiled century overshadowed by a soulful cameo from David Gower?

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It is easy to criticise these people, write them off as mere decoration, a distraction from the serious business of winning. Andre Agassi, the shot-maker supreme, has been much reviled for that. In fact, I have read the same writers who poured scorn on him for his ultimate ineffectiveness going into ecstasies about Daly. But Daly is the Agassi of golf, a man capable of superb shots, but very seldom superb tournaments.

Each has had his big tournament, Agassi by winning Wimbledon, Daly with his now near-mythical victory in the US PGA Championship in 1991 at Crooked Stick after coming in as an eleventh-hour replacement. Each remains the hottest draw in his sport, because each is in touch with the soul of his game.

"He hits his divots further than I hit my drives," David Feherty, the Irish golfer, said, adding that Daly was probably the only golfer in the world he would pay to watch. Well, maybe the young Severiano Ballesteros as well.

Some company, that, for a player with a single top-three finish to his name this year. But when he pulls that driver out — it is called the Killer Whale, it is even engraved *Orcinus orca*, which gives a scientific dignity to this soaring destruction — the galleries assemble and hold their breath in awe.

Daly is a big man, and his size is allied to extraordinary flexibility and balance. But his main currency is not athleticism, but violence. If we had no more evidence than his golf game, we would suspect that this was a personality out of sorts with the world, so much venom does he pour into each lash of the awesome Orca: alas, there are plenty of facts to go alongside.

For Daly is an alcoholic. He is not drinking, but there is no past tense for addicts. Nor was this a problem that came with sudden fame. He has dealt with life via Michelob and Jack Daniels for years.

And he learned the most dangerous lesson for any addict: how to function. He could play drunk, win drunk. "Christ, most people would be drunk for two days on what I'd have before dinner."

He has a history of violent attacks on inanimate objects, he is a great wall-puncher and window-smasher. His last binge was at Christmas and it involved an assault on his house. The police were called. His wife said she was not harmed and did not press charges, but, under state law, the police had to take him to court. Since this was Daly, the soul of golf, this was a colossal story.

The United States Professional Golf Association tour then insisted that Daly undergo "rehabilitation". Daly did a three-week "drive-thru rehab": ten million Diet Cokes and a few months later, he says he is still sober. "I've got a rule: I don't drink when I'm sober."

One can only wish him well. To rebuild your life is always hard: to rebuild a life that had been based around addiction is one of the hardest things in the world. To rebuild life and then to go out to try and win high-pressure sporting events, this is a huge thing to try. And so the world's admiration of Daly as golf's "Wild Thing" with the Killer Whale is tempered by the fact that the Wild Thing lies deep in his nature and it is rather insecurely roped down. "He is a smoking gun," a golf observer summed up.

His on-again-off-again marriage — second marriage — is currently very much off, rather like his golf game. It is impossible to watch him in action without feeling a pang of pity: a caged bear, bewildered at the world's teasing and responding, almost despite himself, in a form of violence.

He was pleasant and affable after his first meeting with St Andrews and said enough of the right things about this much-revered course to please golf's reverential legions. We asked him how many of the stories about his self-destructive nature were true. No, it wasn't true he once ran 17 consecutive red lights. He doesn't run red lights. Crazy. "Except when there's nothing coming. Then I'll go through 'em red. Sure. That's the stupidest law there is."

ILLUSTRATION BY STEVE MARTIN

Rough and ready Phillies can clinch World Series

FROM KEITH BLACKMORE IN TORONTO

THE Philadelphia Phillies may be the masters of slob baseball, but when the best-of-seven game World Series begins here tonight, the defending champions, the Toronto Blue Jays, will find that appearances can be deceptive.

The Phillies are indeed an unprepossessing crew, but their complete disregard for sartorial standards and rough-and-ready approach to the game has won them the National League pennant and a grudging respect. One critic was moved to call them "rude, crude, funny and smart" and another, "the team of dustiny".

"We've got a couple of guys who don't look like ballplayers," Mickey Morandini, the second baseman, said. "But what's a ballplayer supposed to look like?"

Well, not like John Kruk anyway. At 5ft 10in and 214lb, with flowing locks and the sort of designer stubble that would have the England cricket committee men tearing their own hair out, the Phillies' first baseman looks as if he would be more at home on a builder's yard than a baseball diamond.

Andy Van Slyke, outfielder for the Pittsburgh Pirates and noted wag of the baseball circuit, once remarked: "If you asked some guy from Germany who had never seen a ballgame about John Kruk, he'd ask you why the beer-truck driver was playing first base."

That "beer-truck driver" hit .300 (that is hit safely in three out of every ten at bats) as the Phillies ran away with their division (having finished last the previous season) before beating the Atlanta Braves, probably the best team in baseball, in the play-offs.

Yet the player who really epitomises the style of the Phillies is not Kruk but Lenny "Nails" Dykstra, also known as "Dude". He, too, sports an ill-advised haircut and a figure that is more Meatloaf than Madonna, but, in 1986, Nails, a hard-hitting outfielder, produced a home run that powered the New York Mets into the World Series. Exactly seven years later, he did the same for the Phillies against the Braves.

Kruk: unconventional

"He's a red light player," his admiring manager, Jim Fregosi, said. "When the red light goes on, he always finds a way to get the job done."

Less appealing is his habit of chewing and spitting tobacco. This tends to leave him with a trail of yellow stains running down his chin and uniform.

Van Slyke once described the centrefield as being like "a toxic waste dump" after Dykstra had been there.

Among such giants as Dykstra and Kruk, it would be difficult for others to stand out, but there are other notables in the Phillies line-up. Darren Daulton is a bruising hulk of a catcher who can frighten runners away from home plate. Then there is Mitch Williams, a relief pitcher, also known as Wild Thing because of his lack of control (of the ball, among other things).

Before one game against Atlanta last week, "Thing", as he is known to his team-mates, awoke with food poisoning. After a day of sickness, he pitched the Phillies to victory. "As long as I can pull my pants on, I'm ready to play," he said.

The Blue Jays are dull by comparison, but can rely on a brilliant hitting line-up and two outstanding pitchers. Juan Guzman, their expected starter tonight, had a career lasting little more than three years, but he has started 90 games and won 45 of them, an astonishing record.

Far more important, he has an almost matchless record in play-off and World Series play, having won five of his six games in the past two seasons.

Almost matchless, but not quite. Guzman's team-mate, Dave Stewart, has a record of seven wins and no losses and he will be on the mound tomorrow. Stewart was one of several players acquired after free agency stripped away many of the players who won the Series last year.

This year, like last, there are no Canadians in the Toronto starting line-up, but that will be small comfort to American baseball fans. Last year, they took a foreign team's dominance of America's pastime with fairly good grace (if you do not count the matter of the Canadaian flag being displayed upside down during the national anthems) but they are counting on the blue collar qualities of Nails and company to bring the "world championship" back where it belongs.

Barker will be watched closely

BY SYDNEY FRISKIN

EAST Grinstead and Old Loughtonians, two of the more fancied teams in the first division of the Pizza Express national hockey league, meet today in a match which could prove one of the season's key games.

Both sides started well last Sunday, Old Loughtonians gaining a 7-0 win over Welton. They are travelling with a full side that includes Neil Barker, who scored five of their goals, the first four from short corners.

East Grinstead, who had to work harder for their 2-1 win over Stourport, will be without Wallis in defence, but this department is bolstered by Ben Barnes from the England Under-21 World Cup squad.

Lee, Bloxham and Peter Head seem likely to make up the middle line with Stuart Head, Bhatti and Richard Gibson in attack. Gibson, who played for England at under-18 level, was in the South team that won the junior divisional title.

Havant, 4-0 winners last Sunday over St Albans, should have an exciting home match with Indian Gymkhana. The place of the injured Faulkner in Havant's defence will be taken by Matthew Bartlett, provided he passes a fitness test.

Gymkhana can field Sukhjeet Singh and Hardeep Singh from last year's Indian Olympic team and a young goalkeeper, Gerard Pearce, whose father and two uncles played for Australia in the late Fifties and early Sixties.

It is Southgate's turn to be on television at Birmingham University, where they play Bournville. Southgate will need to keep a watchful eye on Sutton and Conway, two members of the England junior World Cup team.

Hounslow, the champions, are releasing two young players, Arscott and Nicholls, to their under-21 side, but Gordon is back from a business trip abroad for the home match against Trojans. Reading, having lost 5-1 to Hounslow, face another daunting task against Teddington.

Ardiles places unruly Durie on transfer list

BY KEITH PIKE

OSVALDO Ardiles, the softly-spoken manager of Tottenham Hotspur, yesterday revealed the more ruthless side to his nature when he put Gordon Durie, his striker, on the transfer list.

Nine days ago, after Durie had reacted to being substituted during a Coca-Cola Cup tie by directing a stream of obscenities in his direction, Ardiles had fined the Scotland forward a fortnight's wages and warned him about his conduct. On reflection, he said yesterday, the "image of the game" warranted heavier punishment.

It is an action that will likely find full support in the Tottenham boardroom. Alan Sugar, the Tottenham chairman, had said of Ardiles after his appointment: "Ossie is as hard as they come. He is not afraid of taking unpopular decisions and a lot have to be made at this club."

Ardiles decided on Thursday that Durie, 27, would be put up for sale but did not announce it until informing the player on his return from World Cup duty in Italy. "That was one incident in the game against Burnley, but the main reason for my decision is that Durie really does not to want to play for us," Ardiles said. "I don't want players who are even only 99.9 per cent committed to Tottenham. It has to be 100 per cent.

"His response to being substituted was completely unprofessional. I have taken a week to think about it ... but my belief is that his action spoiled the image of the game as well. We all have to be conscious of that."

Durie's commitment to the club has been in question since he made clear his desire to play for Rangers. Having joined Tottenham from Chelsea for £2.2 million two years ago, he nearly got his wish last season until a proposed move to Ibrox fell through.

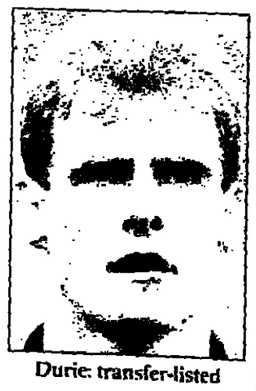
Durie, who has started 11 of Tottenham's 12 games this season, would almost certainly have played in the FA Carling Premiership match against Manchester United at Old Trafford today in place of Darren Anderton, who is injured. Instead, Ardiles will give Nick Barmby his first senior game of the season, the England youth striker having recovered from surgery on his shins in the summer.

Manchester United were also involved in transfer activity yesterday, selling Danny Wallace to Birmingham City for £250,000. United paid Southampton £1.2 million for Wallace, 29, in September 1989, three years after the winger won his one England cap. In four seasons at Old Trafford, he made only 47 league appearances.

Wycombe Wanderers have signed Terry Evans, the Brentford defender, for £40,000, a record for the third division club. Mark Flatts, the young Arsenal winger, has been loaned to Cambridge United while West Bromwich Albion have transfer-listed Wayne Fereday, their utility player.

Mark Bosnich, the Aston Villa goalkeeper, has been omitted from the Australia squad for the first of their World Cup qualifying play-off matches against Argentina. Bosnich, 21, whose refusal to play against Canada led to a 17-day Fifa ban, had said he might reverse his decision to retire from international football.

Bristol City and Leslie Kew, their chairman, have been charged with misconduct by the FA after an enquiry into the club's application for a Football Trust grant towards work on the ground.



Durie: transfer-listed

Obree's return will act as spur

BY PETER BRYAN

THE Grand Prix des Nations cycling time-trial around the Lac de Madine, near Metz, today will be little more than a formality for Maurizio Fondriest, of Italy, even though it is the final event of the World Cup 12-race series.

Fondriest had the competition won weeks ago, but, good professional that he is, he will be on the starting line this afternoon, last man off of the 20 invited riders.

Starting three minutes ahead of him will be Chris Boardman, of Britain, the Olympic champion, world one-hour record-holder and already the winner of two individual time-trials on the Continent since he turned professional last month.

Alberto Volpi, of Italy, who tested positive for an illegal substance after the British round of the World Cup in August, is also in today's line-up.

The 59km event will feature a race within a race. Boardman will be able to accept defeat at the hands of Fondriest — if the margin is slight — but he wants to finish minutes clear of the other British entry, Graeme Obree, of Scotland, the world pursuit champion.

Their intense rivalry goes back to mid-season. Boardman won the national 25-miles time-trial title by beating Obree by a second. Obree responded magnificently by breaking Francesco Moser's one-hour record on his home-made machine, only for for Boardman to take it away from him. However, the Scot beat the Olympic champion on his way to the world pursuit crown in Oslo.

Boardman won the Belgian Grand Prix Eddy Merckx trial last month, a race in which Obree crashed and finished minutes down. He has missed two weeks of racing because of illness and returns today on a lakeside circuit used in this year's Tour de France, when the stage was won by Miguel Induráin, eventual winner overall, in a time of 1hr 12min 50sec.

Referees upset by EBBA oversight

BY NICHOLAS HARLING

ENGLISH referees, who have been left at home while their continental colleagues have officiated at all the major games in the European club competitions this season, are blaming the English Basket Ball Association (EBBA) for "an unbelievable mistake".

The EBBA did not ask the referees for availability and fitness tests until September 4, three days after the International Basketball Federation (FIBA) had stipulated that they wanted the results. The oversight meant that the first two rounds went ahead without English officials.

It is now likely that the newest and oldest English officials will not get a game in Europe this season as the FIBA tend to go for the more experienced, younger men in the later stages.

"It's unbelievable that a professional body can allow this kind of thing to happen," Keith Dwan, the secretary of the English Association of Basketball Officials (EABO), said. "This mistake has cost people games in Europe and highlights the low priority the EBBA has for its officials."

The EABO is already at loggerheads with the English basketball authorities over a kit deal. Whether or not that is resolved next week in favour of the referees, Dwan is incensed.

"It's not so much a financial thing," he said. "We receive DM500 (approximately £180) a game and we are well looked after, but it's the honour and the development of our own game that we have missed out on. If we don't get games, we don't get seen and don't start moving up the ladder.

"For new officials, it means their development within FIBA has been put back a year. None of us are in it for the money. It costs us a lot personally in time away from home."

Trevor Pountain, EABO's chairman has complained to the EBBA chairman, Duncan Smith, who said yesterday: "We have formally asked Dave Ransom, our chief executive, to look into it. Something has gone wrong and we are following up the matter to find out exactly what that is."

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Important year for Wales kicks off at Arms Park

BY DAVID HANDS
RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

THE international round starts today. Wales open a 12-month cycle, which includes almost as many internationals, when they play Japan in Cardiff and, half an hour earlier, the Australians begin their tour of France when they play Acquitaine in Dax.

Tomorrow, France play Romania in Brive and the All Blacks board their flight for London. The world of rugby grows ever smaller as countries flit hither and yon — next month, the Canadians come to Britain for a one-off international with Wales and, in March, the South Africans send a B team to play England A, in another one-night stand, at Leicester.

Not that the Japanese believe the oval world is becoming smaller. For them, it is a place full of bigger bodies and even though they include an Australian — Ian Williams, making his debut after 17 caps for the Wallabies — a Fijian and a Tongan in their ranks at the Arms Park, victory in a match eclectically-sponsored by Gooding/Race Electronics and Rural Wales International should be beyond them.

This is an important season for the Welsh and their rugby should reflect that. Their focus is on the two World Cup qualifying matches in Iberia in May and they seek to develop a style which will keep them afloat in the world beyond Cardiff. The displays of their A side, against Japan and England's Northern Division, have offered examples of the cohesion and drive they seek, building on patterns laid down in Zimbabwe and Namibia during the summer.

With the addition of their British Lions — Ieuan Evans, Tony Clement and Scott Gibbs — they must anticipate a performance of genuine authority, notably from Adrian Davies. Welshmen expect more of their stand-off half than almost any other position, yet ever since Jonathan Davies departed nearly five years ago there has been a lack of consistency at No 10 (no political pun intended).

If Davies can bring his well-organised skills to bear, his country will benefit hugely. Although Wales play a variety of opponents and styles this season, from Japan, to Canada, through the five nations' championship to Spain and Portugal beyond, their's is not a horses-for-courses policy. "We are keen to develop our own style of play, into which Welsh rugby can fit comfortably and easily," Alan Davies, the coach, said.

Kevin Bowring, the Wales A coach, was delighted at Pontypool on Wednesday that his side sustained its pattern, despite failing to score points for long periods against the North. His fear was that the players would revert back to club habits, but his preparation paid off with a powerful final quarter and Alan Davies will expect to see the same kind of 80-minute display from the senior side.

There has been some disappointment in Wales that the Japanese have not shown any great degree of innovation and Alan Davies believes the increasing influence of the leading southern-hemisphere countries — the introduction of more players from New Zealand and the South Sea islands — may be affecting their domestic rugby.

In the weather that haunted the early part of their tour, any side would have been hard pressed to innovate, but victories in the last eight days over West Wales and the Heineken Select XV will have improved Japanese morale, as has the play of Eiji Kutsuki at centre and the driving play of their forwards. Though the Arms Park will be far from full — tickets will be on sale at the ground — there should be no lack of entertainment.

Michael Lynagh, the Australia captain, misses the match in Dax, allowing both the young stand-offs, Pat Howard and Scott Bowen, to receive an early welcome to French rugby, Howard playing centre alongside Jason Little. Their tour is designed to extend the pool of talent for the defence of the World Cup in 1995 and, by mid-November, there will be no question that their young men will have been through a hard school of experience.

Phil Kearns will captain the team, despite a grumbling tendon injury, and he will keep an anxious eye on his back five forwards, none of whom have played in France before. The Australians, whose tour includes two internationals, will also watch with interest the result of the international tomorrow at Brive, where France will be missing Philippe Saint-André. The Montferrand wing is injured and his place against Romania goes to David Berty, of Toulouse.

Clement is one of three British Lions in the Welsh team

WALES: A Clement (Swansea); I C Evans (Llanelli, captain), I S Gibbs (Swansea), N R Jenkins (Pontypridd), N Walker (Cardiff); A Davies (Cardiff), R H SJ B Moon (Llanelli); M Griffiths (Cardiff), A E Lamerton (Llanelli), J D Davies (Neath), S Davies (Swansea), A H Copsey (Llanelli), G O Llewellyn (Neath), R L Jones (Llanelli), E W Lewis (Llanelli). Replacements: R N Jones (Swansea), M A Rayer (Cardiff), R A Bidgood (Newport), H Williams-Jones (Llanelli), G R Jenkins (Swansea), P Arnold (Swansea).
JAPAN: T Matsuda (Toshiba); I M Williams (Kobe Steel), M Fujikake (World), E Kutsuki (Toyota), Y Yoshida (Iketen); S Aoki (Ricoh), Y Nagatomo (Suntory); O Ota (NEC), M Kunda (Toshiba, captain), K Takahashi (Toyota), S Kaleta (Ricoh), Y Sakuraba (Nippon Steel), B Ferguson (Hino Motor), S Lisu (Sanyo), H Ouchi (Ryukoku University). Replacements: R Onitsuka (Doshisha University), T Fasmasino (Nakonikodo), T Maeda (NTT Kansai), E Hirotsu (Kobe Steel), M Nakamura (Toshiba), S Nakashima (NEC).
Referee: E Morrison (England).

Hanlon chosen as Bristol coach

BY DAVID HANDS

WHILE Bristol rest from their league labours, the club's committee has appointed Brian Hanlon to be its coaching co-ordinator for the remainder of the season. Hanlon, a New Zealander, will work in harness with the present coaching panel.

A former hooker in club rugby, Hanlon, 36, has coached mainly youth and under-21 teams in Auckland. He works in his own publishing and printing company there and expects to take up his new post at the start of next month. The league season resumes on November 13 when Bristol play Gloucester.

The second round of the Pilkington Cup today involves four previous finalists — Coventry, Bedford, London Welsh and Rosslyn Park — of whom only Coventry are drawn at home, to York. The Park trek down to Redruth, Bedford have a potentially awkward tie at Bradford and Bingley and the Welsh a less demanding day out at Amersham and Chiltern.

Preston Grasshoppers will be without the former England lock, Wade Dooley, for their meeting with High Wycombe. Dooley is injured, which does not help Preston's hopes of reaching the third round for the first time.

Exeter have numbered the Barbarians among their opponents this season and will hope for a cup season to rival 1992-93, when they reached the quarter-finals. To do so, they must overcome Clifton, who include the former Bath lock, Chris Blake, alongside their clutch of Bristol old boys.

Both Bath and Bristol have an interest in the England team which will play Ireland in an under-21 international at Gateshead on November 7: Darren Crompton, the Bath prop forward, leads the side which includes his club colleague, Marcus Olsen, at scrum half and Simon Shaw, of Bristol, at lock.

ENGLAND UNDER-21: T Stimpson (Durham University); D O'Leary (Harlequins), W Greenwood (Waterloo), D Edwards (Wakefield), J Naylor (Orrell); A Handley (Waterloo), M Olsen (Bath); S Brown (Harlequins), C Johnson (Leicester), D Crompton (Bath, captain), A Diprose (Saracens), J Phillips (Northampton), S Shaw (Bristol), L Dallaglio (Wasps), R Hill (Saracens). Replacements: A Healey (Waterloo), N Ryan (Waterloo), A Gommersall (Wasps), K Yates (Bath), S Bogers (West London IHE), E Rollitt (Cambridge University).

Carling calls tune for England supporters

SIMON BARNES
On Saturday

GREETINGS to Will Carling, the ever-more-famous England rugby captain. He has won this column's guarded support for his effort to improve the English singing. He has long envied the Scots their anthem *Flower of Scotland*; indeed, he once lost a match and a grand slam because of the song. There is, alas, little chance of his getting rid of that terse little dirge that passes as a national anthem, a ditty that even Pavarotti would find impossible to sing with brio.

But Carling has encouraged the crowds to sing the hymn *I vow to thee my country* as a cunning ploy to unnerve the opposition. Not a bad idea: the Holst tune is a cracker and the words of the first verse can be understood patriotically at a pinch. But the second verse, seldom recalled, belies all that, being about "another country, I've heard of long ago"; the verse concluding resoundingly "And her ways are ways of gentleness and all her paths are peace". Nice stuff, but lacking martial fervour.

The worst alternative is, of course, *Land of hope and glory*, the hymn of empire still extraordinarily, anachronistically and insolently used as England's anthem at the Commonwealth Games. Yet the ideal song for all patriotic occasions, and the best replacement for a national anthem, is, of course, Blake's *Jerusalem*: Twickenham crowds sing it sometimes, as well they might.

This is believed to be a patriotic song, one that expresses vague reservations about the industrial revolution and confident hopes for England's ideal society. But for Blake, "Jerusalem" was a concept of wild and fierce freedom, sexual and religious, and lacking in any vestige of the control of state and the established state religion.

He wrote it between 1804 and 1808, before the industrial revolution had got into swing. The dark satanic mills are not cotton mills at all. They are churches. I think this song of wild ambiguity, visionary fervour and sexual imagery is an appropriate puzzler for all grand occasions. Good tune, too.

Whine list

Fame! I am quite undone by it. I find I have made the "Top Ten Poisonous Sporting Quotes", as gathered by the newly published *The Guinness Directory of Yet More Poisonous Quotes*. I am celebrated for pointing out Nigel Mansell's disarming combination of courage and complaint and for saying that he should have "Who Dares Whines" embroidered on his overalls. Tee hee. The list of this top ten comes straight from the Guinness Publishing PR arm and it comes with the following footnote: "David Feherty and Richard Krajicek are both sportsmen, while Simon Barnes is a journalist. Perhaps you could check ... for which paper." I am raised to the skies, only to be dashed to the ground.

☐ *Congratulations to Nigeria on making the World Cup finals next summer, and greetings to their top club side, which goes on to fight for glory in the semi-final of the African Champions' Cup this weekend. The side glories under the name Stationery Stores and starts as underdogs against Zamalek, of Egypt. In 25 years, no Nigerian club has won the competition, despite supplying the finalists on three occasions. This column says, Come On You Stores.*

Betting slip

Sit down before you read this, for I have a tale about a generous bookie. The Paddy Power chain of bookmakers in Ireland is giving back all losing bets on the Republic's midweek game, in which they were defeated 3-1 by Spain. Stewart Kenny, a spokesman for the firm, said: "We are giving the money back to punters to help ease the depression which has overcome the nation." He added more dramatically: "We are just trying to help the nation when it is one its knees." Those who unpatriotically backed Spain will get their winnings in full. Kenny added poignantly: "I think the least the bookmakers in England could do is to do the same for all the people who backed England." Lovely idea; fat chance. However, the Irish firm is taking bets on Ireland's vital match against Northern Ireland next month: "We will not be giving any money back if the team loses this time. That's enough. Paddy Power is generous, but he is not a fool."

Dutch treat

The violent events of the week in Rotterdam have not put them off. For, snaking out of my fax machine comes news from a Dutch organisation named, laconically, The Continental Society for People Interested in British Football. They define themselves as "a Dutch society of anglomaniac Dutch chaps with a great passion for British football" and they are celebrating their fifteenth anniversary with a trip to England next weekend. High spot of the trip is a tour of Craven Cottage followed by Fulham v Stockport County. "We are hopelessly attracted to the commitment for the game itself from both players and the crowd." I have an awful fear that this is not, after all, an example of withering Swiftian satire.

Carnoustie back into contention

BY JOHN HOPKINS, GOLF CORRESPONDENT

OFFICIALS from Carnoustie, that wonderful course just along the coast from Dundee, are making another attempt to get top-class professional golf back to their historic links. Carnoustie 95 is the name given to the group that will produce a feasibility study by mid-summer next year with the aim of staging a major tournament. Clearly, the long-term aim is to host another Open Championship.

There are no doubts about the merits of the course, which has staged five Opens and four Amateur championships. At its best, it may be the most demanding test of golf in Britain.

Tom Watson believes its finish is as tough as any in golf and its roll-call of Open champions matches any — Tommy Armour (1931), Henry Cotton (1937), Ben Hogan (1953), Gary Player (1968) and Watson (1975). Watson appears in a feature film promoting the merits of the course and Player has been appointed honorary joint-chairman of the steering group.

The trouble is that since Watson won the first of his five Opens, the course has been unable to cope with the traffic and accommodation demands of a modern Open. There is no sizable hotel nearby. Having a good course is no longer the sole requirement for staging an Open. After this year's Open at Sandwich, Royal and Ancient golf club officials said that they did not think the Open could return to Carnoustie until a medium-size hotel was built.

Watson: Carnoustie fan

"I think all our other problems would be overcome if we could get an hotel," Jock Calder, chairman of Carnoustie Golf Links, said. Planning permission for two hotels has been granted in the past ten years, but both projects foundered on economic grounds.

Great efforts have been made in recent years to improve the condition of the course, which had fallen from the high standards necessary. The reward for this was the staging of the Amateur Championship there last year.

"For those people who are working on this project, I wish them God speed and the best of luck," Watson said. "I would certainly like to have the opportunity to play another great championship at Carnoustie."

It was also announced that BBC Scotland has signed a three-year contract with the women's Professional Golf Tour to televise the Women's Scottish Open at Dalmahoy from August 4 to 7.

The Scottish Open will be followed by the Weetabix Women's British Open at Woburn a week later and will attract a strong field of players.

This announcement represents something of a comeback from the blow last summer when the Bells Scottish Open, which BBC Scotland had televised for six years, was sold to satellite television. In addition, BBC Scotland is to televise the Tartan Special Professional Championship, also to be held at Dalmahoy.

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FOR THE RECORD

AMERICAN FOOTBALL

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AARHUS: Danish Open: Men's singles: First round: C Simonsen (Den) bt H Rasmussen (Den), 15-1, 15-3; S B Nielsen (Den) bt F Janum (Den), 15-5, 15-5; O Pongratz (Ger) bt M L Hansen (Den), 7-15, 15-4, 15-8, M Kjeldsen (Den) bt J Olsson (Swe), 15-11, 15-7; L P Hermansen (Den) bt T Soegaard (Den), 18-17, 15-11, 15-8. Men's doubles: First round: C Hunt and N Ponting (Eng) bt Lei Dang and Qing Liang (China), 15-2, 15-4.
Women's singles: First round: Ye Zhaoying (China) bt A Kanai (Japan), 11-5, 11-4; C Magnusson (Swe) bt A Humtay (Eng), 11-3, 11-6; C Martin (Den) bt G Sommer (Den), 11-1, 11-3; P Nedergaard (Den) bt Y Hayashi (Japan), 11-6, 11-4; Shen Lianfang (China) bt L Thomsen (Den), 11-6, 11-3, A Miyamura (Japan) bt M Moerk (Den), 11-7, 11-3; Ning Zhang (China) bt R Olsen (Den), 11-3, 11-0; J Muggeridge (Eng) bt A Soendergaard (Den), 11-5, 8-11, 11-8; L Soemsen (Den) bt L Hoejland (Den), 11-6, 11-6.

BOWLS

WORLD CHAMPIONS CHALLENGE: J Ackland and M Johnston bt D Bryant and A Allcock, 12-8.

FOOTBALL

WORLD CUP: Asian zone final qualifying round: Saudi Arabia 0, Japan 0; North Korea 3, Iraq 2 (both matches in Doha, Qatar).
FA CUP: Third qualifying round: Weymouth 2, Barnstaple 1
FA VASE: Preliminary round: Redhill 1, Godalming and Guildford 3. Postponed: Three Bridges v Horsham YMCA; Oakwood v Deal. Replays: Horndean 1, Sherborne 3. Postponed: Ashford Town (Middx) v Epsom and Ewell.
DIADORA LEAGUE: Second division: Rannam v Metropolitan Police. League Cup: Preliminary round, replay: Postponed: Ruislip Manor v Aveley.
PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Notts County 0, Blackburn 1. Second division: Port Vale 3, Middlesbrough 1.
NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: First division: Oxford United 2, Charlton Athletic 1
NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Premier division: Boston 3, Hyde 1

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE (NHL): Florida Panthers 5, Ottawa Senators 4, Tampa Bay Lightning 3, Pittsburgh Penguins 2, Hartford Whalers 6, Chicago Blackhawks 2, Los Angeles Kings 4, Edmonton Oilers 4 (OT); Calgary Flames 2, San Jose Sharks 1.

GOLF

ST ANDREWS (Old Course): Dunhill Cup: Group one: Zimbabwe 2, Argentina 1 (Zimbabwe names first): N Price (71) lost to E Romero (71) at 19th, M McNulty (69) bt V Fernandez (71), A Johnstone (76) bt J Cociente (76) at 21st. Spain 2, Ireland 1 (Spain names first): M A Jimenez (74) lost to D Feherty (72), J Rivero (72) bt P McGinley (73), J M Olazabal (71) bt R Rafferty (74).
Group two: South Africa 1, Mexico 2 (S Africa names first): E Els (73) lost to R Alarcon (72); F Allem (72) lost to C Espinoza (72) at 19th, D Frost (70) bt J Brito (75). England 2, Taiwan 1 (England names first): P Baker (71) bt Yuan Ching-chi (76), N Faldo (73) lost to Chen Liang-hsi (72), M James (71) bt Chung Chun-hsing (77).
Group three: United States 2, Paraguay 1 (United States names first): J Daly (76) lost to A Franco (76) at 20th, P Stewart (70) bt R Fretes (73), F Couples (70) bt C Franco (73). Scotland 3, Wales 0 (Scotland names first): C Montgomerie (67) bt I Woosnam (74), S Torrance (71) bt P Mayo (78), G Brand Jr (72) bt M Mouland (75).
Group four: Australia 1, Japan 2 (Australia names first): R Davis (74) lost to Y Mizumaki (73), C Parry (74) bt T Yoneyama (74) at 20th, P Senior (78) lost to T Nishikawa (75)
Sweden 2, Canada 1 (Sweden names first): J Parnevik (72) lost to R Zokol (71), J Haeggman (71) bt J Rutledge (73), A Forsbrand (69) bt D Barr (71).
SAN ANTONIO: Texas open tournament: First round (US unless stated): 62: M Smith. 64: M Wiebe, L Wadkins, D Forsman. 66: R Estes, R Fehr, T Kite, T Simpson, R McDougal, W Andrade, M Standly, G Morgan, J Kane. 67: T Byrum, S Gump, J Cook, B Crenshaw, S Elkington (Aus), B Lietzke, T Conley, T Tryba, D Trader, B Cheesman, R Beliendorf. Other scores: 68: J Woodland (Aus). 69: N Smith (Aus). 70: D Watson (SA). 71: G Waite (NZ). 74: T Dodds (Namibia).
SUSONO, Japan: Asahi Beer tournament: second round: (Japanese unless stated): 135: M Ozaki. 66, 67. 136: N Ozaki, 70, 66; D Ishii (US), 68, 68. 137: K Takahashi, 69, 68; T Watanabe, 68, 69; H Kamide, 68, 69; M Kuramoto, 68, 69. Other scores: 140: B Jones (Aus), 71, 69; R Gibson (Can), 70, 70. 141: Chen Tze-ming (Taiwan), 72, 69; T Gale (Aus), 71, 70. 142: F Minoza (Phil), 73, 69; E Herrera (Col), 73, 69; B Franklin (Can), 69, 73. 143: M Calcavecchia (US), 74, 69; S Gimson (Singapore), 72, 71; G Marsh (Aus), 71, 72; G Norman (Aus), 71, 72. 144: B Watts (US), 71, 73. (Did not qualify for final two rounds): 145: T Hamilton (US), 69, 76. 147: B Hughes (Aus), 74, 73; R Mackay (Aus), 73, 74. 148: Chen Tze-chung (Taiwan), 72, 76. 149: P Hoad (GB), 75, 74.
ICHIHARA, Japan: Fujitsu women's tournament (Japanese unless stated): 69: K Hirada. 70: M Hirase, P Rizzo (US), M Fujiswa.
ROYAL WIMBLEDON: Foundation team championship for schools: 247: Charterhouse, Godalming. 251: Latymer Upper, Hammersmith. 254: KCS Wimbledon. Best individual: 72: S Stilwell (Charterhouse).

REAL TENNIS

FONTAINEBLEAU: French Open: First round: J Howell (GB) bt N Pendrigh (GB), 1-6, 6-5, 6-3, 6-2; J Snow (GB) bt S Ronaldson (GB), 6-0, 6-0, 6-0.

SPEEDWAY

INTERNATIONAL MATCH (in Sheffield): England 53 (A Smith 12), United States 55 (S Ermolenko 16). United States win series, 3-0.
BRITISH LEAGUE: First division: Ipswich 60, Reading 48. Second division: Middlesbrough 81, Exeter 27.
Postponed: Tomorrow: Rye House (Traders Trophy). Waterlogged track.

SQUASH

PHILADELPHIA: US Open: First round: Women: C Jackman (Eng) bt M Houtaine (Holl), 9-1, 9-5, 9-1; V Cardwell (Aus) bt E Pierce (US), 9-5, 6-9, 9-3, 9-3; H Walace (Can) bt A McCormell (US), 9-2, 9-2, 9-0; R Macree (Eng) bt K Keisio (US), 9-3, 9-2, 9-0; F Geaves (Eng) bt P Beams (NZ), 9-1, 9-0, 9-2.

TENNIS

TOKYO: Seiko Super men's tournament: Quarter-final: G Rusedski (Can) bt M Chang (US), 4-6, 6-3, 7-6; T Martin (US) bt S Edberg (Swe), 6-4, 6-4; P Haarhuis (Holl) bt A Medvedev (Ukr), 7-5, 6-1; I Lendl (US) bt B Becker (Ger), 6-3, 1-6, 7-6.
MONTPELLIER, France: Women's tournament: Second round: B Schett (Austria) bt S Meier (Ger), 3-6, 7-6, 6-2; E Kellens (Bel) bt N Feber (Bel), 4-6, 7-5, 7-5; M McGrath (US) bt C Porwik (Ger), 6-4, 6-1; S Appelmans (Bel) bt A Carlsson (Swe), 6-3, 6-3.
BOLZANO: Men's tournament: Second round: J Stark (US) bt A Chesnokov (Russ), 6-2, 6-4; D Prinosil (Ger) bt G Raoux (Fr), 6-7, 6-3, 6-1; C Pioline (Fr) bt J Balea (GB), 7-6, 7-6; O Delaitre (Fr) bt M Damm (Cz Rep), 7-5, 6-4; T Golliwitzer (Ger) bt G Pozzi (It), 6-3, 6-4; T Johansson (Swe) bt P Cane (It), 7-6, 7-6.
FILDERSTADT, Germany: Women's tournament: Second round: B Fitzner (Ger) bt J Halard (Fr), 6-1, 6-4; N Tauziat (Fr) bt G Fernandez (US), 4-6, 7-5, 6-4; Z Garrison-Jackson (US) bt A Temesvari (Hun), 6-3, 6-1; N Zvereva (Belorus) bt K Habsudova (Cz Rep), 6-2, 4-6, 6-2.
TEL AVIV: Men's tournament: Second round: T Muster (Austria) bt D Johnson (US), 7-5, 7-5; G Bloom (Isr) bt E Erlich (Isr), 6-7, 7-6, 6-3. Quarter-finals: A Mansdorf (Isr) walkover G Stafford (SA), scr; A Chesnokov (Russ) bt A Gaudenzi (It), 6-7, 7-6.

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Old Trafford offers quick cure for World Cup hangover

By Rob Hughes
Football Correspondent

THE antidote to any Rotterdam hangover is at hand. Old Trafford is not big enough to accommodate all those who wish to watch the FA Carling Premiership match between Manchester United and Tottenham Hotspur this afternoon. More than 44,000 will be there and United have had to send back 10,000 applications. So much for the dire warnings that elimination from the World Cup will cost the domestic game £20 million.

The boot would appear to be on the other foot. Instead of the Football Association (FA) accusing clubs of harming the national interest, they must now rely on those clubs to regenerate enthusiasm after the failings of the England and Scotland teams.

It is ironic that the two protagonists at Old Trafford today represent clubs uplifted by the most influential foreigners to come to England. Eric Cantona has liberated the football of United just as Osvaldo Ardiles did in his playing days with Tottenham and is now doing as manager.

The framework of the "Ardiles diamond" provides a midfield shape that encourages good players to play, to pass the ball with pace and vivacity. How unwelcome it must be to the xenophobes in football that clubs are now copying the Ardiles formation, clubs with the wealth of experience of Liverpool.

One wonders what Charles Hughes, the FA director of coaching and education, thinks about this. Hughes is given to travelling the globe with his contention that he has the winning formula that all others should emulate or perish. His formula is the thinly-disguised long-ball game, a pattern being abandoned by professional football clubs in all divisions. Hughes and Ardiles clashed three years ago over the Argentinian's right to take an FA coaching course in this country.

Now, Ardiles is in charge of some of the cream of English youth. Tottenham, along with United and Leeds United, provided the nucleus of the England team that won the European under-18 championship this summer. They won it in style and with such variety of pass and movement that nobody could accuse England of stereotyped combat football.

From that side, Darren Caskey and Sol Campbell have already become first-team players with Tottenham. Ahead of them, Darren Anderton, though absent today because of injury, is a fluid winger who needs only consistency to step up into the new England team after elimination is confirmed. Today is important for another Tottenham youngster. Nick Barmby, 19, is returning to the side after shin splints operations on both legs, a consequence of being overplayed, both in Tottenham and England causes.

Barmby, obliged to run and chase long balls in the England Under-20 team on hard pitches in Australia last March, was the subject of threats by the FA to bring sanctions against Tottenham unless he performed. He broke down there, subsequently needed surgery and Ardiles agrees that his return today is some months ahead of initial expectation.

"In fact, I've been holding Nicky back," Ardiles said. "He has been desperately eager to play for two or three weeks. We will start him at Old Trafford, but if he needs to come off before the end, we will look after him." A foreigner looking after the blossom of an England talent. Remarkable.

The foreigners in the other camp represent a league of nations, so much have United embraced the culture of anyone who will bring the exuberance and effectiveness demanded of that club. Like Leeds, Liverpool and the Manchester United of the Busby era, Alex Ferguson's team uses a liberal injection of Celtic flair. It applies it to the strength and reliability of the English, but also weaves in Kanchelskis, a Ukrainian, and Cantona, the French maverick.

However much people delude themselves that football merely goes in cycles and that the British breed ball players with the best of them, it is no coincidence that Cantona became the main spring of the last two English champions. With the ebullient Gordon Strachan, the intelligent Gary McAllister and the swift Gary Speed, Cantona provided inspiration on the run-in for Leeds in 1992. His rejuvenation of Mark Hughes, and his ability to find the wavelength of the younger Ryan Giggs and Lee Sharpe, was even more dramatic. Before Cantona arrived last season, United had scored eight goals in ten matches: with him, they scored 31 in the next ten.

Cantona is one of five players at whom Ferguson will look closely before selecting his team to play Tottenham. Cantona, so articulate without speaking much of the language here, was depressed by his own profligate form for France on Wednesday, when they lost 3-2 at home to Israel in a World Cup qualifier.

Ferguson, who laughs at suggestions that a Scot might take over the England team, said it is up to teams such as his and Tottenham to put a smile back on the faces of the supporters. And those forebodings about lost World Cup dreams diminishing the league? Forget them. Those at Old Trafford today probably already have.

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Barmby: early return

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Sunk without trace: Faldo searches for inspiration while lining up a putt at the 17th on the way to defeat by Chen, of Taiwan, at St Andrews yesterday

Scots' victory brings cold comfort

By John Hopkins
Golf Correspondent

FROM the weather to the golf, St Andrews has been anything but predictable these past few days. The first surprise of the ninth Dunhill Cup was that the Auld Grey Toun was so unlike its nickname. All week, it has been bathed in a light of such crystal clarity that it might have been back-lit by Hollywood.

The second was that Paraguay were no one-day wonders. At one stage yesterday, they were leading the United States in all three matches and threatening to dismiss their illustrious opponents with even more *élan* than they had shown in beating Scotland the previous day.

The least surprising statistic was that John Daly drove the 18th green. In the fourth round of the 1970 Open, Jack Nicklaus took off his sweater and smashed his drive over the green; yesterday, Daly did likewise with his drive while Anders Forsbrand and Dave Barr were still on the green in the deciding game during the match between Sweden and Canada. As the ball rolled on to the putting surface, Forsbrand waved at it as a man might flick away a wasp on a summer's afternoon.

Daly was playing Angel Franco, the one Paraguayan to lose against Scotland. Daly birdied two of the last three holes and set off down the 19th. That hole was halved and then Franco, his face beneath a woollen bobble hat cold and set as in stone, sank the six-foot putt that won him the game at the 20th.

By then, though, Payne Stewart and Fred Couples had suppressed the challenge of Raul Fretes, who had beaten Colin Montgomerie in the first round, and Carlos Franco, Angel's brother.

Stewart had put in some extra putting practice on Thursday evening, much needed in view of the way he had taken four putts from four feet on the second hole. It paid off against Fretes. The United States will meet Scotland this morning, when the Scots will need to win by at least two matches to one to reach the semi-finals.

However, the players from the host team go into this match with their confidence higher than it was after they had been beaten by Paraguay. Montgomerie had not seen yesterday morning's newspapers, in which he and his team-mates, Gordon Brand Jr and Sam Torrance, were given a severe roasting for that stunning loss.

"I knew what was in them," Montgomerie said with the sort of grin that was noticeably absent the previous day. "I told Eimear [his wife] I didn't want any papers in the room this morning."

He used that remarkable upset as a goad to spur himself to produce his best round in this competition yesterday, and it worked: he went round in 67 in Scotland's 3-0 win over Wales. With considerable understatement, Montgomerie said: "Obviously, I was keen to perform."

Torrance also played far better, scoring a 71. He will need to be at his coolest today against the siege-gun Daly, who, incidentally, drove into the Swilcan Burn for the second time this week. Will he never learn?

"I've been in the same group as John before," Torrance said drily when he was asked whether he had played with Daly previously. "I can't actually say I was playing with him. I was a bit behind him." At that, Montgomerie threw in a few words of encouragement. "That first match for us is vital," he said. "I think Sam will edge out Daly and then we'll need one more point."

Brand Jr had a 72. Thus Scotland's total was six under par and the best of another bitterly cold and windy day. It was certainly far too good for Wales. Woosnam could do no better than 74, Paul Mayo, who had taken 80 in the first round, took 78, and Mark Mouland had a 75. Wales, having lost 3-0 to the United States in the first round, have yet to register a point.

As the Paraguayans had a day to remember on Thursday, so did Chen Liang-Hsi yesterday when he faced Nick Faldo in the match between Taiwan and England. "I volunteered to play Mr Faldo because I will never have another chance to play him in my life," Chen said. He took his chance with both hands, beating Faldo by one stroke, the only point England have lost in two days.

Faldo lost a ball when he hit into a bush on the 12th and ran up a six. "I shot one over par and he was level par," Faldo said. "End of story. He beat me fair and square."

Chen was thrilled at his victory over the leading player in the world. "I didn't think I had a chance, even coming down the last fairway when I was in the lead," he said. "I still wasn't nervous. I have never been so cool in my life."

As the temperature at that moment was barely above freezing, it is not quite clear what Chen was referring to. "I had a good breakfast of ham and two eggs: now it's over, I shall telephone my wife Pam and she will pass on the news to my two sons and one daughter," he added. He made it sound as though he did this sort of thing every day of the week.

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Chen: held nerve to play the round of his life

TABLES

Group one
Results: Zimbabwe 2, Argentina 1; Spain 2, Ireland 1.

	P	W	L	F	Ag	Pts
Spain	2	2	0	4	2	2
Ireland	2	1	1	4	2	1
Zimbabwe	2	1	1	2	4	1
Argentina	2	0	2	2	4	0

Group two
Results: South Africa 1, Mexico 2; England 2, Taiwan 1

	P	W	L	F	Ag	Pts
England	2	2	0	51	2	
S Africa	2	1	1	33	1	
Mexico	2	1	1	24	1	
Taiwan	2	0	2	24	0	

Group three
Results: United States 2, Paraguay 1, Scotland 3, Wales 0

	P	W	L	F	Ag	Pts
USA	2	2	0	5	1	2
Scotland	2	1	1	4	2	1
Paraguay	2	1	1	3	3	1
Wales	2	0	2	0	6	0

Group four
Results: Australia 1, Japan 2, Sweden 2, Canada 1

	P	W	L	F	Ag	Pts
Sweden	2	2	0	5	1	2
Canada	2	1	1	3	3	1
Japan	2	1	1	2	4	1
Australia	2	0	2	2	4	0

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All Black fears put to flight

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent

NEW Zealand looms like a dark cloud over the opening weekend of rugby union's CIS divisional championship. All four divisions meet the All Blacks in swift succession when their tour of England and Scotland begins next week and, for London, at least, the game today against the North represents their one chance to prepare as a team.

New Zealand's party, however, will be thankful to board their flight tomorrow without any more disruption. Their two back-row forwards from Otago, Arran Pene and Jamie Joseph, were cleared to tour yesterday by a New Zealand Rugby Football Union judicial committee, though they were censured for fighting in the national championship final with Auckland last Sunday.

They may count themselves fortunate. Jason Chandler, the Auckland forward, was suspended for three matches for his part in the same affray and Bruce Squire, the committee chairman, said: "We would normally take the view that actions of the kind Pene and Joseph were guilty of would warrant suspension for one or two matches.

"We are forced to the conclusion that such a penalty would be disproportionately severe to the players themselves and the All Black tour party."

However, Peter Clohessy, the Ireland international prop who came close to selection by the British Isles for their summer tour of New Zealand, was not so lucky. After studying video evidence of a league match between Young Munster, Clohessy's club, and St Mary's College, the Irish Rugby Football Union (IRFU) has suspended him for ten weeks.

Clohessy will miss the inter-provincial competition and the international against Romania on November 13. He and two club representatives attended the IRFU hearing, which decided he was guilty of dangerous play.

In England, no player will be more aware than Jeff Probyn that excellence in the divisional championship may project him once more onto the international stage. The Wasps and England prop has no intention of conceding his place without a struggle, despite his omission from the national training squad. The North, at Newcastle Gosforth, will be the first to bear the brunt of his displeasure.

London's selectors will hope to keep change to a minimum before they play New Zealand at Twickenham in a week's time and Rob Andrew, their captain, said: "The big match we have a week after this divisional opener has made it more urgent that we win and get our style sorted out. Playing the All Blacks always gives any side a real focus on the job in hand."

The North, their tight five under pressure against Wales A on Wednesday night, have been forced to bring Gary French, of Orrell, into their front row after the withdrawal through injury of Simon Mitchell, of West Hartlepool, but they will hope to move the ball clear of London's strong set-piece areas and use the attacking abilities of Ian Hunter — a strong contender for the England full back vacancy created by the retirement of Jon Webb — and their wings.

The South and South-West, divisional champions for the first time last season, offer a more genuine trial element against the Midlands at Bath since withdrawals have given them a refreshing look behind the scrum. Kyran Bracken, Mike Catt and Nick Beal appear at half back and centre against the equally promising Matthew Dawson and Paul Challinor.

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At Newcastle
NORTHERN: I Hunter (Northampton); J Mallinder (Sale), K Simms (Liverpool St Helens, capt), M Fielden (Northampton), J Sleightholme (Wakefield); P Grayson (Northampton), D Scully (Wakefield); M Hynes (Orrell), G French (Orrell), S McMain (Sheffield), T Rodber (Northampton), J Dixon (West Hartlepool), D Baldwin (Sale), N Ashurst (Orrell), A Macfarlane (Sale).
LONDON (Wasps unless stated): H Davies, T Underwood (Leicester), W Carling (Harlequins), D Hopley, D O'Leary (Harlequins); R Andrew (capt), S Bates; J Leonard (Harlequins), B Moore (Harlequins), J Probyn, M Greenwood, A Snow (Harlequins), R Langhorn (Harlequins), L Dallaglio, D Ryan.
Referee: E Murray (Scotland).

At Bath
SOUTH AND SOUTH-WEST (Bath unless stated): J Callard; A Adebayo, P de Glanville, N Beal (Northampton), A Lumsden; M Catt, K Bracken (Bristol); G Clark (Oxford Univ), G Dawe, V Ubogu, J Hall (capt), N Redman, A Blackmore (Bristol), A Robinson, S Ojomoh.
MIDLAND: S Hodgkinson (Moseley); S Hackney (Leicester), S Potter (Leicester), I Bates (Leicester), H Thomeycroft (Northampton); P Challinor (Harlequins), M Dawson (Northampton); G Rowntree (Leicester), J Olver (Northampton), D Garforth (Leicester), C Barrow (Bristol), J Phillips (Northampton), S Lloyd (Moseley), N Back (Leicester), D Richards (Leicester, capt).
Referee: D Matthews (Liverpool).

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Betjeman's flight of fancy

Simon Jenkins (above) recalls an expedition with the late Poet Laureate, Sir John Betjeman, to find the ancient hamlets that once encircled Heathrow

BILL BUTCHER

John Betjeman's Heathrow: "To the north lies the Berkeley property, Cranford House, or used to. We must go there. Then on to Harlington and Harmondsworth, which has a delightful village green . . ."

'What inexhaustible food for speculation do the streets of London afford!" I sense that the imagination of Charles Dickens was never put to the test of the eastern perimeter road of Heathrow Airport. Yet here are John Betjeman and myself on a warm summer day. He has previously told me that there are five medieval churches within half a mile of the airport fence. Now the challenge to find them is on. The Poet Laureate is surrounded by deafening jets and a desert of hangars, old sparking plug factories and grim petrol stations. "Rural Middlesex," he has been murmuring since we left Hammersmith, as if savouring a claret, "rural Middlesex . . . that most hardly used of counties . . . that very best of counties."

The expedition to discover the ancient villages of Heathrow had been hatched some weeks before over an execrable lunch at the Great Eastern Hotel. Betjeman loved eating in unfashionable places, provided only that the wine was good. I discovered that a good wine list is a feature of old-fashioned restaurants: there are too few discerning customers to drink it up. I had grown to love the wines of the Loire, Betjeman's favourite, in the Charing Cross Hotel, the St Ermine's, Rules restaurant and, many times, at the Great Eastern. Betjeman seemed to relax when surrounded by anonymous businessmen, people who might recognise him but would never accost him. They were besuited and conventional. If they had secrets, they kept them in safe places. He shared the comfort they took in faded hotels and familiar food under baroque ceilings. Betjeman was delighted when the restaurant at Charing Cross was named after him — though dismayed when they changed the ancient menu.

Betjeman at this time was still a walker. Our journeys had taken me to Metroland, to Southwark, to Southend and round a portion of the North Circular Road. None possessed so little apparent promise as the Lost Villages of Heathrow. Yet Betjeman portrayed them as the ultimate antidote to airport blues. Anybody with an hour to spare and access to a vehicle, he said, should escape the terminals and head for the perimeter fence, like prisoners making a dash from Colditz. Pevsner's *Middlesex* and a free taxi should be an alternative to meal vouchers for delayed flights.

Before the aeroplanes arrived in 1945, the area of Heathrow was thickly populated and had been so since prehistoric times. When the airport was built, a quantity of neolithic remains was unearthed on the site. These fields on the Middlesex flood plain, bounded by the rivers Crane, Longford and Colne, were marshy but fertile. Villages were prosperous. Heathrow itself, a medieval hamlet, was obliterated by the airport. But the latter's swift expansion after the second world war imposed a freeze on the land in its vicinity, partly for future acquisition, partly because it was assumed that nobody would live in new houses so near a runway. Farms, manors, churches, fields, lanes all stayed as they were, locked in the past. Trunk roads and motorways cut separate paths, leaving old byways undisturbed. Don a pair of earplugs and you could here find countless relics of old Middlesex, left stranded by the westward flow of London. Or so said Betjeman.

'To the north," he shouts, waving in the direction of a British Airways hangar the size of Westminster Abbey, "lies the Berkeley property, Cranford House, or used to. We must go there. Then on to Harlington and Harmondsworth, which has a delightful village green, quite untouched. We next take the old Bath Road to Longford" — screeching jets seem to graze his porkpie hat — "then we might take in the reservoirs next to the sewage farm. From there we should be able to look across the moor to the crooked spire of Stanwell Church. And then there's Bedfont and Hounslow and Feltham and . . ."

Cranford is the place to start. To reach it we leave the M4 at the Air Cargo exit, the last one before the main Heathrow link road. A turning off the roundabout leads in 50 yards to one of the most dejected small churches in Middlesex. A little humpbacked bridge over the Crane stream brings us to the church of St Dunstan. Beyond was Cranford House, demolished in 1939. Its grounds are now a municipal park, but its stables survive, emptily defying the motorway thundering at their back. The old Tudor church tower juts up from some magnificent yews. Betjeman seems able to shut his ears to the noise of the traffic. He wanders in through the wicket gate, up the path and into the church to admire its Renaissance monuments. In the chancel stands a large alabaster memorial of 1611 to Sir Roger Aston: "What fun those sculptors had as soon as they knew their customers were dead." Nearby is a tombstone to John Finall Cook, 1771-1856. He left as his epitaph that he was "the worst-used high constable in England, which office be held for more than half a century". It is an old Betjeman favourite, and he stands for a minute's silence in memory of the poor man.

"Old Middlesex, where are you now?" Betjeman once wrote. "Where are your merchants' houses with walled gardens, landscaped parks, lakes and carriage drives and bridges?" Cranford has gone but others survive. From Cranford to Harmondsworth we could take a number of routes. There is the M4 or the A4, or there is Cranford Lane. This last turns off the eastern perimeter through a housing estate and deposits us in deep country. The lane goes through a wood, over another Middlesex hump bridge and across open fields to Harlington. The church of St Peter and St Paul has a 12th-century nave and Norman porch and is Pevsner's "best in outer London". The Norman door surround is decorated with cats' heads whose tongues are wound round a scroll. The monuments are as rich as Cranford's. This was indeed prosperous country.

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Sipson Lane is as rural as that from Cranford. Rows of tall Lombardy poplars rise on each side. A tractor plods across a field, as if determined to prove that the future lies in the dip of its plough and not in the raucous novelty a few hundred yards to the south. Suddenly the lane straightens to cross the M4 link road to the airport. Here blinkers are required to avoid the horrors bombarding the eye: the Post House hotel, the M4 roundabout, rows of landing lights littering the meadows and huge radar scanners whirling in the distance. Equally suddenly, the lane bends and the horrors are gone. We pass an old farm and head for the distinctive cupola on Harmondsworth church, peeping above a field of cabbages.

Harmondsworth has three ancient pubs, a 13th-century church, a small green which, to Betjeman's dismay, has been municipalised and, as a climax, "one of the grandest buildings in all England", set against a backdrop of willows and water meadows. The village has three handsome if unobtrusive Georgian houses. St Mary's church is an architectural textbook. The structure is part Norman, part 13th-century, part Perpendicular. The Tudor tower wears its cupola like a madcap on a medieval clown. I can think of no more restful place in which to sit while awaiting a delayed flight to Corfu. The Five Bells pub is a blissful alternative to the Terminal Two cafeteria.

For Betjeman, Harmondsworth means only one thing, the tithe barn in the manor farm immediately behind St Mary's. I have never known him to linger over a building. He visits it, ticks it off in his memory, decides whether he likes or dislikes it, then presses on impatient. Buildings he likes receive a quotation or a reverent, slightly fey gasp of awe. Dislike takes the form of a malevolent toothy grin: "Oh my God!" he says, or "Wouldn't X love it?" mentioning some hated architect or critic. But Harmondsworth barn is not to be rushed. "That was a church, this is a cathedral," he says, turning from St Mary's.

From Domesday to the present, a barn has been recorded on this site. This one may be in every textbook of medieval architecture, but it is rarely visited. Betjeman makes his way through the thick mud of a farmyard that is still dedicated to its original purpose. As always when trespassing, he is nervous, but his desire to see inside is irresistible, as is his hyperbole: "The biggest and noblest medieval barn in the whole of England, built I'd say at the end of the 14th century."

He rubs its exterior walling as a tailor might rub fine silk. "Pudding stone, they used to call it in this part of Middlesex. Beautiful."

Harmondsworth barn may be one of the monuments of England, but it is in no sense open to the public. Getting inside means crawling under rotten but locked doors and up through bales of hay stacked against them. Betjeman, who declares his incapacity when it

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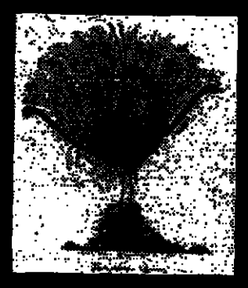
Natural *beauty.* (Captivated.)



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Doug Sager highlights ten ski resorts across Europe to suit a range of standards and tastes, even those with a penchant for wild boar

Make tracks for a pick of the skiers' peaks

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The resort of Chamonix, in the shadow of Mont Blanc, is the spiritual capital of the Alps

TRY AS it might, no resort can be all things to all people. Certain resorts are conspicuous by their absence from our list. Zermatt, Verbier, Val d'Isère and Méribel have the charm of familiarity to many seasoned skiers. But there are other resorts, by no means recherché, with equally compelling appeal. Not for everybody, but they may be just right for you.

LECH, AUSTRIA

The slogan says "quality not quantity". Excellent piste grooming, wide-ranging off-piste itineraries, but little scope for hard-core couloir bashing. "Magic carpet" conveyor belts whisk pampered skiers on to high-speed chairlifts and a large capacity lift delivers skiers to the cable car. The only resort in the world to guarantee uncrowded lifts and pistes by limiting the number of ski passes sold to 14,000. Very popular with the Germans.

Made to Measure (0243 533333): return Swissair flight to Zurich, transfer by coach, bed and breakfast at Haus Mosella, £429.

SIERRA NEVADA, SPAIN

Europe's only rival to the Californian dream of skiing and bathing in the sea in the same day. Only a half-hour drive from the cultural town of Granada. Sierra Nevada is one of the best bets in Europe for late season skiing. At 2,100m, the resort base is high enough for Atlantic storms to blow tons of heavy, wet snow on to the peaks called "Sierra cement". The most southerly of resorts in Europe, sunshine is rivalled only by noise levels and piste crowds.

Ski Thomson (081-200 8733): return flight to Malaga and coach transfer, half- board accommodation at Hotel Melia in main square, £370.

POIANA BRASOV, ROMANIA

Skiing has to start somewhere, and by all accounts this is the bottom line. Lift queues, lift breakdowns and limited skiing are alleviated by lashings of wild boar and bear steaks. Ski lessons, in English, are reported to be more than adequate. Poiana Brasov merits consideration for entry level skiers. As one skier noted: "It's no worse than skiing in Scotland."

Crystal (081-399 5144): return flight to Bucharest and transfers, half-board accommodation at Hotel Soimul, £214. Special Learn to Ski offer includes six-day lift pass, skis and boot hire, and four hours ski school lessons per day, £55.

LILLEHAMMER, NORWAY

Bored with big resorts, intimidated by big hills? The topmost lift here, at 1,050m, is lower than most resort villages in the Alps. But this charming town of wooden houses has a special appeal. The downhill course designed for February's Winter Olympics is said to be the most technically difficult ever invented. Cross-country skiing and telemark skiing are Norwegian specialities, both very easily acquired skills. Gourmets should try the roast reindeer.

Norwegian Travel Service (0483 756871): return flight and transfer, half-board accommodation at Langseth Hotel, £519.

WENGEN, SWITZERLAND

The Bernese Oberland features some of the most affecting scenery in the Alps. Wengen is accessible only by cog railway. The train carries on up to the Kleine Scheidegg, for long ski runs down to Grindelwald, and up even higher to the Jungfraujoch at 3,454m, the highest train station in Europe. From here adventurous skiers, with a guide, can ski down the Aletschgletscher, the longest glacial tongue in the Alps. Down in Wengen, unfortunately, snowfall has been less than ample in recent years.

Swiss Travel Service (0920 463971): return flight and rail transfer, half-board accommodation in 3-star hotel Bellvue, £428. Special free ski pass offer (£98 value) during weeks of Jan 2, Jan 9 and March 20.

ST MORITZ, SWITZERLAND

Glamour and glitz, no place can beat it. The Badrutt's Palace Hotel, polo on ice and horse racing in the snow. Furs and high fashion are at their height in February. But at other times of the winter St Moritz has humbler charms. The world's fastest and most famous sledge course, the Cresta Run, is open to beginners, though still by tradition denied to women.

Powder Byrne (071-223 0601): return Swissair flight to Zurich and rail transfer, half-board accommodation in 4-star hotel Hauser, £708.

CORTINA D'AMPEZZO, ITALY

Home of the Olympics in 1956 and, romantically, little changed since. There is a style, an ambience, which seduces: classic motor-cars, floor-length furs, snow polo. The pink-hued Dolomite spires make an impressive background for Cortina's long ski itineraries down to boisterous mountain inns. But these runs could use a good deal more snow than they've been getting.

Bladon Lines A La Carte (081-780 9994): return flight to Verona, half-board accommodation at 4-star Parc Hotel Victoria, £539; transfer Verona to Cortina (£30) not included: hiring a car to visit superski Dolomite resorts is recommended.

CHAMONIX, FRANCE

More than a French resort, home of Mont Blanc, and spiritual capital of the Alps. Chamonix has beginner and intermediate skiing, flung out in satellite sectors awkward to get to by public transport. No town in the Alps has more mountain cred. A guide is needed, for intermediates and experts, to get the best of the skiing.

Collineige (0276 24262): return Swissair flight to Geneva and transfer, half-board accommodation at Chalet Les Rambles, £449.

OBERGURGL, AUSTRIA

This is the perfect resort for skiers with an eye on romance. Situated at the end of an isolated valley, which means no intrusions from day skiers and no hassles from long lift queues. The ring of peaks on a starry night is an enveloping backdrop, inviting close encounters. High resort altitude guarantees better than average snow. If you go out at night, be warned: the locals like accordion music.

Crystal (081-399 5144): return flight to Innsbruck and coach transfer, half-board accommodation at hotel Deutschmann next to ski lifts, £449.

LA GRAVE

The expert powder skier's dream — a simple village with low prices and heavy falls of untracked snow. No groomed pistes and only one real ski lift, so all the skiing is off piste. Needless to say, La Grave is quickly becoming a cult resort. Also needless to say, there's nothing whatsoever to do there except ski.

Ski Weekend (0367 241636): return Swissair flight to Geneva and transfer, half-board accommodation at 2-star Hotel Edelweiss for four-day weekends, mountain guide Bruno Gardent included, £569.

John Betjeman's flight of fancy to find the lost villages of Heathrow

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suits him, can also display an astonishing agility. He enters the barn like a gymnast. He burrows up through the hay with delight, gasping and cheering as the interior emerges through the gloom: "Oh look, oh look!" Vast oak columns rear up from stone bases towards the roof. "Purlins, trusses, collars, wind-braces, aisle-ties, wall-plates ..." — the technical terms pour forth with attendant superlatives. That the building is still used as a barn gives him particular pleasure. But when barking farm dogs arrive he is terrified and cannot depart fast enough.

We battle on under the main flight-path to the remains of the village of Longford, once on the Bath Road but bypassed as long ago as 1929. Fragments of its past can still be discovered, a pub here, a manor there, a stream not yet buried in a culvert and permitted a willow or two. Betjeman's self-parody sometimes gets the better of him. "I do believe that's the Duke of Northumberland's river we have just crossed," he murmurs. "And what a well-laid hawthorn hedge." This is terrible country. But a mile beyond Longford, and also on the old Bath Road, is the village of Colnbrook, straddling the river Coln, half in Middlesex, half in Buckinghamshire.

The village was an important coaching stage, like Uxbridge one of the first out of London, and thus full of inns and stables for changes of horse. For us it sits intact but seemingly deserted, victim first of the railway then of the aeroplane. Colnbrook is a remarkable survival. Its inns are museums of the stage-coach era, the George, the Star and Garter, the timbered Ostrich. Nobody appears to have invested a penny in the place for decades. Poor Colnbrook may have to await the obsolescence of both cars and airports for its renaissance.

The western perimeter road here skirts old Stanwell Moor, from where we could once have looked east across fields to the now vanished settlement of Heathrow. Turning into the airport's western perimeter road at this point, Betjeman is insistent that we see if a tiny handful of houses with gardens survives in Burrows Lane, an exposed peninsula between a sewage farm and the main Heathrow runway. It is still there. What relic of some past pattern of land-holding is this? The residents must endure a constant barrage of noise. We wonder how long Burrows Lane can last before being rolled flat by airport tarmac or unroofed by the landing gear of a jumbo.

Southwards lies another haven. Across deserted acres of tarmac and concrete stands the slightly crooked steeple of St Mary's, Stanwell. Did an early biplane hit it? Nothing else has been allowed to rise above the treeline, leaving a scene of East Anglian bleakness. Stanwell was called by Michael Robbins in his history of Middlesex, "one of the least spoilt villages in the county". That was in 1953. It is spoilt now. Already the church is besieged by new estates for airport workers, oozing prosperity. But the heart of the village is there. The 14th-century church is a fine one, with a splendid monument to the Knyvett family inside. There are some small Queen Anne houses near by, and the tiny Lord Knyvetts School defies some future road widener to demolish it.

We have now boxed the compass to the south of the airport. It takes a vivid imagination to conjure any charm from this district. Landing beacons festoon cabbage fields. Hideous fences surround "restricted areas". Boarded-up cafés back on to pot-holed lorry parks. Yet Middlesex does not altogether give up. There is still Bedfont, poking its head above the roaring A30/A315 junction. This place was called Bedefunte in Domesday and the transliteration might soon continue to "be-defunct". The surviving ensemble is incongruous. Bedfont sits next to the frantic Staines road, but its church, large green and old Georgian house bring a touch of humanity to an unlovable landscape. The church is another St Mary's, only spoilt by Victorian cladding and with a strange wooden tower like a pigeon loft. A Norman porch guards access to important and ancient 13th-century murals inside.

Betjeman approaches the church nervously. "It's the only church in Middlesex that I've never been inside because nobody ever seems to have a key," he wails. "Once upon a time the yews in the churchyard were part of a great hedge and cut into fantastic topiary peacocks. The cockneys would come down from London for the day to see them: 'Darn ta Bedfont!' Now they've gone, and the cockneys don't come any more. And I bet it's locked." Locked it is, and the topiary peacocks are a sorry sight. Such incidents upset Betjeman more than is reasonable, as if the art to which he offers his devotion is purposely humiliating him. Bedfont stays unvisited.

From Bedfont there is a lane to what remains of the hamlet of Hatton. Adjacent is the carcass of an ancient manor house called Pates, discovered in the 1960s to date back to 1500. It would be of immense value were it not so vitiated by its surroundings. We are now back on the banks of the Crane and have come full circle. Betjeman shouts above the roar, "Look, there's the Piccadilly Line at Hounslow West, where the air hostesses alight.

"No," he says, "we will not take the M4 back, but the Great West Road. Past the Gillette building by Banister Fletcher and all those traffic lights we used to race in our motorcars to pass before they turned red. On to Heston and Osterley House — we could stop at Osterley — and then Brentford and Chiswick and that tedious church at Hammersmith and Chelsea and tea ... Oh, the delight of it all, the delight of Middlesex." And delightful it was.

● *Edited extract from* The Selling of Mary Davies and other writings *by Simon Jenkins (John Murray, £17.99). Author's note: This expedition took place in 1973. Harmondsworth tithe barn is now open and in the care of English Heritage. Not one of the churches mentioned appears to be accessible. The southern perimeter has changed beyond recognition with the building of Terminal Four. My unflattering references to restaurants are out of date. I am glad to report that Colnbrook and its inns are well on the way to revival.*

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Infants are no longer a bar to a family skiing holiday. Child care is the latest marketing ploy, **Shona Crawford Poole** reports

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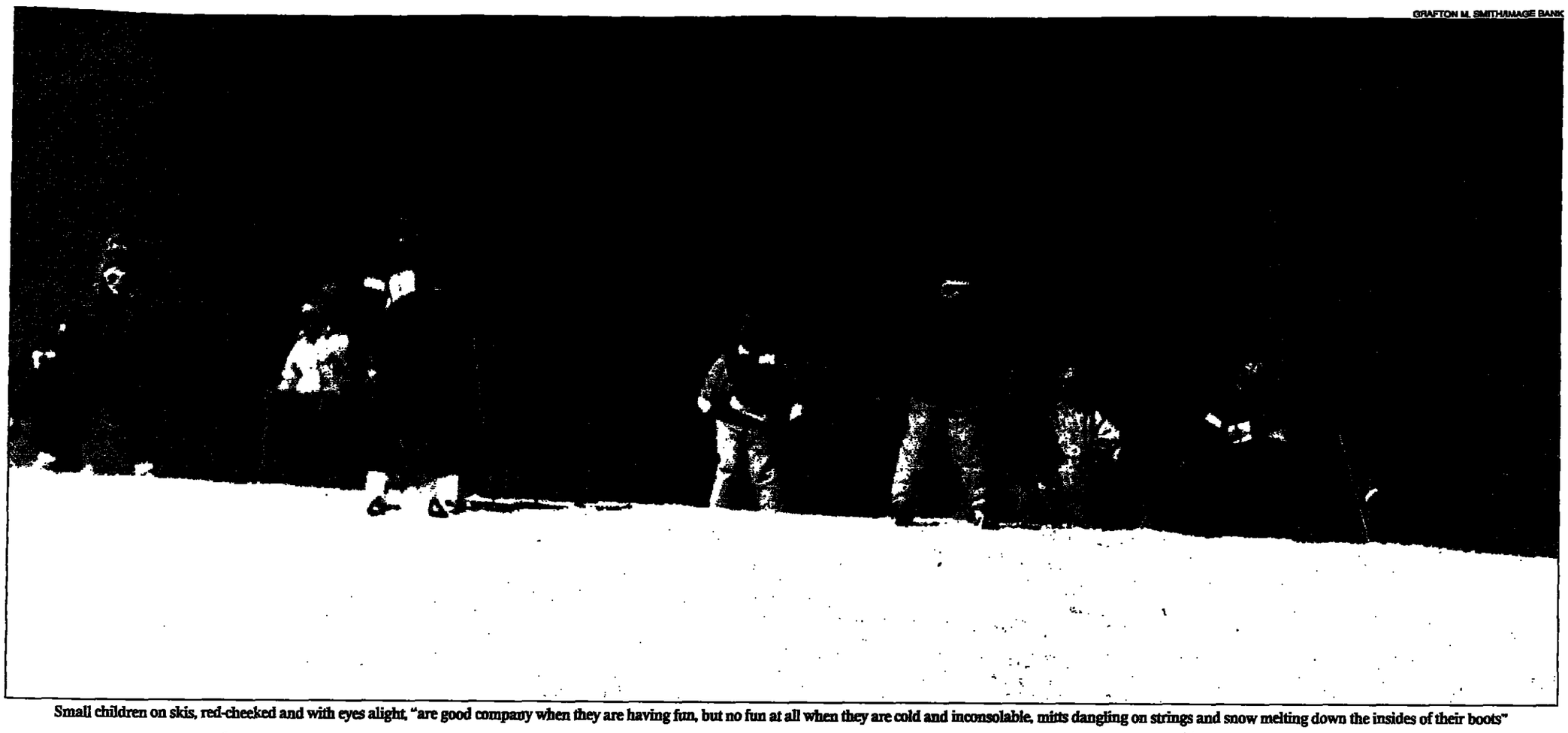

Small children on skis, red-cheeked and with eyes alight, "are good company when they are having fun, but no fun at all when they are cold and inconsolable, mitts dangling on strings and snow melting down the insides of their boots"

Where nanny is taking to the slopes

Not so much a trend, this one is more of an avalanche. If a trend can be detected when several ski companies turn simultaneously in a fresh direction, it must be an avalanche when they all rush down the same path at once. The new route is signalled by the buzz words "nanny" and "crèche". Child care has become an important field of commercial battle in the ski holiday business.

What started the avalanche was the decision of one small tour operator to send a couple of trained nannies to the Alps so that skiers could take children too young to ski on holiday with them. The idea was quickly copied and now whole pages in the brochures are devoted to the needs of infants and toddlers. Comparing the appropriateness, quality and value of day care for skiers' children has become a complex business.

Small children are good company when they are having fun, but no fun at all when they are cold and inconsolable, mitts dangling on strings and snow melting down the insides of their boots. Until children are at least three, they are too small to ski, and when they do start, cannot manage a whole day on the slopes.

The trendsetting crèches were pioneered by specialist tour operators such as Ski Esprit, who saw a niche in the ski market for putting nannies into catered chalets in resorts favoured by hard-skiing adults — Chamonix/Argentière and Val d'Isère in France and Verbier in Switzerland. Typically, there will be a day-long crèche for infants, and a flexible full or half-day service for small children who have started ski classes and need to be collected from morning ski school, lunched, and either returned to ski school for an afternoon class, or supervised for other indoor or outdoor activities until early evening.

A few mass-market ski companies, such as Crystal and Neilson, have also put nannies in selected resorts. Others, including Thomson, the largest, have taken a different route. Thomson highlights resorts and accommodation which are particularly well-suited to family groups and produces a sizeable chart showing resort-run kindergarten and crèche choices, comparative prices, opening times, and the age range of the children accepted.

Nannies posted to the Alps usually hold the National Nursery Examination Board certificate or an equivalent qualification. Ski companies offering crèches run by qualified nannies include Ski Esprit, Meriski, Neilson, Powder Byrne, Bladon Lines, Crystal, Simply Ski, Mark Warner, Ski Scott Dunn, Snowtime and Ski Hillwood.

The ratio of nannies to children is a crucial consideration. Some operators spell out their policy, while others say only that places are strictly limited. Crystal allows one nanny to three infants aged from six months to two years, or four children aged from two to five. Ski Esprit allocates one nanny to three infants aged from four months to two years, and one nanny to six children all over the age of two. Powder Byrne and Ski Hillwood operate on a ratio of one to four, Snowtime on two to ten, Meriski on one to six.

Few tour operators' crèches will accept newborn babies. An exception is Snowtime. Ski Hillwood will take infants as young as six weeks. Four months is the youngest accepted by Ski Esprit and Club Med, and six months is the bottom limit for Crystal, Mark Warner, Simply Ski, and Ski Scott Dunn. Bladon Lines take infants from nine months. Meriski talks about "small babies" and Powder Byrne about "up to four years".

Not all the crèches are held in rooms set aside permanently for the purpose. Some share the communal living space of the chalet or chalet hotel. The crèche space in Mark Warner's Val d'Isère Club Cygnaski doubles as a disco for one or two nights a week. Most offer some outdoor activity for toddlers, weather permitting. Pick up and delivery services may be a consideration in resorts where a central crèche serves widely spread accommodation.

Ski Esprit's kindergartens are usually required to be booked in this country. Places in some resort-run child-care facilities can be booked with the holiday, while others can only be booked directly with the resort. The tour operator will advise. Independent travellers will find the telephone numbers of resort tourist information services in the Consumers' Association's *Good Skiing Guide*.

Club Med runs crèches for children from the age of four months at a number of its villages, but these, like resort-run facilities, are mainly French-speaking. Infants from four months to a year are cared for in the Baby Club. Two to three-year-olds join the P'tit Club, four to nine the Mini Club, ten to 11-year-olds the Kids' Club, 12 to 13-year-olds the Cadet Club and 14 to 15-year-olds the Junior Club. Ski-school lessons are available to four-year-olds and upwards. The brochure lists the conditions and activities followed at each level. From the age of two to nine, children can be supervised from 8.30am to 9.30pm. The older age groups are offered supervised activities, but are free to come and go as they please. Only two Club Med villages, Chamonix in France and Zinal in Switzerland, accept infants. Child care is included in the cost of Club Med holidays.

The excellence of resort-run child care in north American ski areas is unanimously acknowledged and the attractions of family skiing are numerous. As Clare Roberts, of the specialist travel agency Ski Solutions, explains: "For babies under two years old, America is less than ideal because of the long flight and the altitude of the resorts. For one-week holidays, catered chalets in the Alps provide the best value. But for two-week holidays with children, America offers good value. American resorts do look after children better. All the emphasis is on enjoyment in all the activities on and off the snow. Hotel rooms are big, so sharing a room with children, who stay free because the price is for the room, not per person, is good value. In many resorts, under-fives ski free. Apartments have washers and dryers and are roomy. Eating out is inexpensive, and the food is popular with children."

The tour operator Ski The American Dream advises that it is essential to book child care in American resorts and to expect to pay £23-£30 per child per day, including lunch and ski tuition.

Chalet second homes, page 10

Sloping off

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In London The Savoy is putting on a dinner dance. Grosvenor House offers a daring cabaret from Madam Jo-Jo's, and Langan's will open on Sunday for the first time. (Michael Caine, one of the owners, chairs the Friends of Dine-a-Mite, though he plans to be at The Canteen in Chelsea Harbour).

The Hilton National Hotel in Newport will offer free baby-sitters for diners. At King's Restaurant, Hinckley, a former school, guests are asked to come in their old school uniforms. In Carlisle the Swallow Hilltop Hotel will host a Fawlty Towers Dinner, the Royal Berkshire Hotel at Ascot offers donkey racing, and at the Hilton National Croydon you can have your ironing done while you dine.

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Banquets and breakfasts were the diet of privileged Stuarts, says **Sara Paston Williams**

Stout feeders and hearty drinkers

The Stuarts presided over a century of religious, economic and social turmoil, including the last significant land battles to be fought in England and Wales. The outbreak of the civil war in the 1640s disrupted the economy, bringing hunger and disease. The Restoration of Charles II in 1660 coincided with improved conditions; grain prices fell, bringing down the prices of bread and beer and enabling the poor to buy a wider range of foodstuffs.

Comenius in *The Gate of Languages Unlocked* (1633) describes the meals taken during the Stuart period: "Stout feeders eat up all and do nothing else but devour. Betimes in the morning they break their fast; at noon they dine; when the day is far spent they take their beaver [beverage]; late at night they sup: yea, having newly dined they have a stomach for supper."

Breakfast was usually a selection of cold meats, fish, especially salted and dried herrings, cheese, bread and butter, wine or ale and beer. By the end of the century, the continental style of breakfast had become fashionable among the wealthy, with rolls, spiced bread and cakes served with tea, coffee or chocolate. At the beginning of the 17th century, dinner was taken at midday, but there was a tendency to dine later among the devotees of tea, coffee and chocolate and the continental style breakfast. Between 5pm and 7pm, or even later on special occasions, supper was eaten.

Guests for dinner congregated in the hall and, if the family was entertaining them in full state, were led up a grand staircase to the dining-room, now replacing the great chamber as the principal eating room. The tables were arranged with the finest reserved for the host and his more important guests — the top table; the others were arranged round the room a little like a modern restaurant, with separate tables for gentlemen and ladies.

Until the middle of the century much of the food was still eaten with the fingers, so every diner was provided with a clean white linen napkin for each course. With the introduction of the fork, napkins were no longer used in some houses. In fashionable homes they became wholly decorative and were folded in elaborate ways to be put away at the end of the meal for the next.

The only items of cutlery in common use were the knife and spoon. Knives for the wealthy had steel blades set in handles of crystal, carved bone, ivory, ebony or silver: a present from a groom to his bride was often a fine pair of knives. Spoons were made of silver or silver-gilt, their handles decorated with figures. Only the wealthy could afford individual glasses. "The butler filleth strong wine out of a cruse, or wine pot, or flagon, into cups or glasses, which stand on a cupboard, and he reacheth them to the master of the feast, who drinketh to his guests," described Comenius in 1633. After this toast, a guest was obliged to call for a drink when he wanted it, and when a lady drank at table there was always a servant beside her to hold a napkin under her chin.

Dinner was divided into two or, at the most, three courses, each made up of a number of dishes, both sweet and savoury. The first course included most of the major meat dishes, together with fish and soups, or pottage, which were "changed" halfway through the course and replaced with a further dish of meat or fish. In the second course would be a range of light meats, game and sweetstuff. The third course or banquet was made up of fruit, cheese and sweetmeats. After the main courses, the company might retire to a separate apartment where the ever popular banquet was laid out. However after the Restoration, the third course or dessert began to be served at the dining-table.

Two or three hours after dinner had begun, the last draughts of spiced wine were drunk and the party staggered to the withdrawing-room, or to a small room in the "Chinese style" to take tea. After a few hours of conversation, music, singing, dancing or cards, accompanied by much alcohol and perhaps tobacco, the guests would be served with a supper to prepare them either for their homeward journey, or for the chill of the bedroom. The meal was usually of five or seven dishes, consisting of assorted light meats, fish and sweetstuffs, usually leftovers. If the occasion was very grand, supper might be 20 dishes and extended by a banquet. The banquet could be served as a meal in itself at any time.

Edward Sackville, 4th Earl of Dorset, conducted his affairs at Knole, in Kent, on a suitably lavish scale. A bill of fare for a banquet in 1636 begins: "To perfume the room often in the meal with orange flower water upon a hot pan. To have fresh bowls in every corner and flowers tied upon them, and sweet briar, stock, gilly-flowers, pinks, wall-flowers and any other sweet flowers in glasses and pots in every window and chimney."

Robert May, author of *The Accomplisht Cook*, 1660, delighted in devising dinner-table novelties and describes banquets at which ladies threw egg shells filled with rose-water at each other, and "... when lifting first the lid of the one pie, out skip some frogs, which makes the ladies to skip and shreek: next after the other pye, when out come the birds, who by natural instinct flying into the lights will put out the candles, so that what with the flying birds and the skipping frogs will cause much delight and pleasure to the whole company".

Syllabub was a confection of white wine, cider or fruit juice, well-seasoned with sugar and flavoured with lemon, spices or rosemary, to which milk or cream was added with considerable force. Some recipes recommended milking the cow directly on to the liquor to produce a frothy head with a clear liquid below. The latter was drunk from special two-handled syllabub glasses, while the creamy foam was eaten as a spoonmeat.

The recipe given below is for the more solid type of syllabub.

BRIDGEMAN

A 17th-century coffee house (above), and (below) the frontispiece of the 1685 edition of *The Accomplisht Cook* by Peter May, who extols the virtues of dinner party pranks

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thinly-pared rind and juice of 1 lemon

2oz/50g caster sugar

¼ pt/150ml medium dry sherry or white wine

sprig of fresh rosemary

½pt/300ml double cream

The day before the syllabub is to be made, put the thinly-pared rind and juice of the lemon in a bowl with the sugar, sherry or white wine and the sprig of rosemary. Cover and leave overnight to let the flavours develop.

Next day, strain the liquid into a large deep bowl and stir in the cream, gradually beating it with a wire whisk until it holds its shape. Be careful not to over-beat or the cream will curdle. Spoon into small glasses — preferably stemmed cups — and serve immediately or keep in a cool place overnight. Decorate each glass with a tiny sprig of rosemary or twist of lemon peel, and serve with wafer biscuits.

Next week: Edwardian dining

● *Extracted by* ***Susan MacDonald*** *from* The Art of Dining: A History of Cooking and Eating *by Sara Paston Williams, published by the National Trust on November 4, price £29.95.*

THE TIMES READER OFFER: KRUG CHAMPAGNE GOURMET DINNER

Dining in style

The Times is celebrating the House of Krug's 150th anniversary with a gourmet dinner at the Alderley Edge Hotel in Cheshire. Many regard Krug as the finest of all champagnes especially with food. On Thursday, November 18, Remi Krug will be flying over from France to host this celebration. The evening begins with a Krug Grand Cuvée reception followed by a black tie dinner.

The company was founded in 1843 by Joseph Krug and his English wife, Emma Jaunay, at Reims. Henri, the founder's great-great-grandson, is the present chairman and master wine-maker, and Remi, another great-great-grandson, is a co-director. The sixth generation, Henri and Remi's offspring, Olivier and Caroline, also play important roles in the company.

Alderley Edge Hotel is of nearly the same age as Krug & Cie. It was built in 1850 as the private home of one of Manchester's wealthy cotton barons. The sandstone building has been lovingly and sympathetically refurbished and is now recognised as one of the finest Country House Hotels in Britain. The hotel is set in picturesque Cheshire countryside but close to the motorway network, mainline train stations and Manchester Airport.

The memorable five course dinner, prepared by head chef, Brian Joy, will be accompanied by Krug Grande Cuvée, Krug Rosé and Krug Vintage. The superb food includes fish delivered to the hotel from the markets of Fleetwood each morning, herbs grown in the hotel gardens and a selection of breads, cakes and pastries baked at the hotel.

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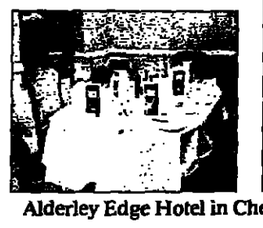

Alderley Edge Hotel in Cheshire, where the Krug Gourmet Dinner is to be held

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In the best possible taste

Jane MacQuitty recommends courses in wine tasting

So you want to learn how to taste wine but do not know where to start? A tutored tasting, if you pick the right one, can be surprisingly jolly as well as informative.

Apart from enlivening winter's first dark, damp days, tutored wine tastings still represent the cheapest way of experiencing expensive bottles. Admittedly, you will only get a small measure of the finest and rarest wines, but the fee will still be well below the price that the bottles would have cost you.

If it is only the academic approach you are after, contact The Wine & Spirit Education Trust. It is now taking applications for its January 1994 certificate and higher certificate courses (£105 and £195 respectively), held in London, Nottingham and Birmingham. These include a general introduction to wine and basic tasting techniques and some tasting.

Equally educational but not so dry are the evening wine courses run by the major wine auction houses. Christie's Education offers an excellent five-part introduction to the subject for £160, which covers the vital subjects of appearance, smell and taste, plus a session on each of the major French wine regions. Part two (£180) tackles New World wines, claret, burgundy and fortified wines. The starting dates for the next three part-one courses are November 9, December 7 and January 11.

Sotheby's Educational Studies offers five sessions for £160 with speakers who are, like those at Christie's, almost all masters of wine. The emphasis is on tasting techniques, grape varieties, and wine-producing regions of the world. There are two courses — "varietal" (starts November 3) and "regional" (January 26).

Michael Schuster's Wine Wise offers courses of a similar standard. Mr Schuster translated Bordeaux wine guru Emile Peynaud's book on taste and followed it up with one of his own, which perhaps explains why his six-part evening beginners and intermediate wine tasting courses (£105 and £145 repectively) are booked up this winter. The next available courses are in February. You get a two-hour session, at least seven different wines to taste, plus the low-down on regions and grapes.

Leith's School of Food and Wine runs two levels of wine courses, run by master of wine Richard Harvey. At £200, the informal five-session certificate course covers all the basics, a look at the major wine styles, and a minimum of six different wines each session. The next series starts on January 24.

However, Leith's advanced certificate looks much better value, for here you get ten two-hour sessions for £330. There are still places on the course that began on October 11. The course goes into greater detail on the world's leading wine-producing regions. Both courses put a particular emphasis on which wines to drink with different foods.

● *The Wine & Spirit Education Trust, 5 King's House, 1 Queen Street Place, London EC4 (071-236 3551); Christie's Education, 63 Old Brompton Road, London SW7 (071-581 3933); Sotheby's Educational Studies, 30 Oxford Street, London W1 (071-323 5775); Michael Schuster's Wine Wise, 107 Culford Road, London N1 (071-254 9734); Leith's School of Food and Wine, 21 St Alban's Grove, London W8 (071-229 0177).*

Next week: Sarah Jane Checkland samples a Sotheby's wine course

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The surefire way to set your dinner table aquiver

Mould breaking

Jelly is not only for children's parties. **Hattie Ellis** has some adult recipes

Wibbly wobbly jelly was my favourite food at childhood birthday parties. It came in fluorescent colours and melted in the mouth to a bobbly liquid to suck between my teeth.

Adults tend to dismiss jelly as childish fare; sticky, sickly-sweet and garish. How wrong! Fresh jellies are coming back into fashion and I have rediscovered them with a new delight.

There are few puddings so simple, refreshing and light. After a rich meat dish such as roast beef, a shimmering fruit jelly made with fresh fruit juice is ten times more tempting than a dense block of chocolate pud. Nobody can ignore a jelly aquiver on the table, reflecting the candlelight like an enormous jewel.

Apart from being an object of great beauty, a wobbling jelly can be most suggestive. To round off a rude food banquet, I once moulded a pair of jellies in some Barbara Windsoresque plastic boobs bought in a joke shop. I brought them to the table surrounded by ice-cream, bananas, whipped cream and sparklers. They were very well received. You could put raspberries or cherries in the nipples.

At the moment I am consulting sculptor friends about how to make an entire jelly woman, possibly modelled on the Venus de Milo, which could lie seductively on the table, flesh awobble.

Cooks in the past appreciated the visual possibilities of a substance that could be shaped into transparent sculpture. For centuries jellies were ornamental centrepieces as well as delicacies to eat: jellies within jellies; jellies covered in gold leaf; jellies studded with fruits.

Aristocratic kitchens had a battery of gleaming copper moulds shaped with all the sweeping round forms and magical complexity of fairy-tale palaces.

Small moulds, just five or six centimetres long, formed decorations for dishes. A salmon might be adorned by a row of ornate jelly lobsters, for example.

Moulds came in a huge number of shapes and are now collectors' items. One of Britain's biggest collections is owned by Dorothy Boraston, who runs a stall in Portobello Road antiques market in west London. Her private hoard of 4,000 moulds, most of them for jelly, includes a fleur-de-lys, Mickey Mouse, ears of corn, lions, a maid-a-milking and flying fish.

One of her favourites is an 18th-century hand-painted beehive. The jelly was shaped around the beehive, and diners would look through it at the painted busy bees within.

It all seems a long way from the mass-produced jelly that most people eat today. Even boiling a kettle to make instant jelly is too much bother for some, so Rowntree sells pots of ready-made jelly. A single serving costs about the same as a block of cubed jelly.

I find making real jelly with fresh ingredients easy and enjoyable. The basic equation is that liquid plus gelatine equals jelly.

I have used many liquids. Boozy jellies have a kick, so beware. I remember, hazily, downing lethal vodka jellies at university parties. Less potent concoctions are more refreshing. A Bloody Mary jelly with tomato juice, lots of Worcester sauce and bits of crunchy celery is one idea. Add vodka or leave it out. Ale jelly flavoured with cinnamon and lemon is a traditional British dish.

Gelatine is one of those slightly tricky ingredients, like yeast, which turns some cooks to jelly. Do not panic. Here are some basic tips.

Packets of gelatine (usually about 11g) are designed to set a pint of liquid, but quantities vary according to the recipe. When I want to unmould a jelly, I use more than this — about 20g or nearly two packets per pint. The jelly is firmer and shakes with a pert wibble rather than a swaying wobble but does not collapse. Do not use too much gelatine or the pud becomes a touch chewy.

To dissolve the gelatine, sprinkle it on to hot liquid (do not boil at any stage). Stir well to ensure the gelatine does not get stuck to the bottom of the pan.

Another method is to dissolve the gelatine in a little water over a very gentle heat. Warm up the liquid you want to set in another pan and then pour the gelatine into it, stirring. I feel more in control using this method, as I can see the gelatine melting. Do not pour warm gelatine into cold liquid or it could set in hard blobs.

Now pour the liquid into a mould or bowl and leave in the fridge to set. I usually make a jelly at least half a day and sometimes a day in advance.

Some parts of cooking are high drama. Flaming brandy is one, and producing a jelly from its mould is another. I love the moment when I shake one out on to a plate, whole and shining.

Gently press down the top of the jelly around the edges to loosen it from the mould. Dip the mould very briefly in warm or hot water to loosen the sides. Cover the open surface with a plate. Hold your breath and invert the lot.

Wet the plate beforehand so if the jelly comes out off-centre you can easily slide it to the right spot. Coaxing a recalcitrant jelly across a dry surface is courting disaster.

I like to make layered jellies with the wide range of fresh fruit juices — apple, blood orange, grapefruit and so on — now available in supermarkets.

This citrus jelly has two layers. I set it in a rectangular two-pint terrine tin which has been lined with clingfilm to stop the acid juice from marking the metal.

Two-fruit-juice terrine
(serves 6 to 8)
17fl oz/500ml fresh lemonade
17fl oz/500ml fresh orange juice
3x11g sachets of powdered gelatine

Heat the lemonade and sprinkle on half of the gelatine. Mix until dissolved. Pour into the clingfilm-lined tin and leave to set in the fridge.

Repeat the process with the orange juice but leave to cool before pouring carefully on to the set lemonade layer.

Set and turn out. You will not need to dip the mould in hot water because the clingfilm keeps the jelly separate from the tin.

I like this as a slightly sharp jelly, but you could dissolve 1oz/30g of caster sugar in each juice before adding the gelatine.

Just use a litre of one juice for a really simple jelly. Set and serve in a glass bowl.

Jelly with fruit set in it has a good, varied texture and a bit more body. Fruit tends to float to the top of the unset liquid. This looks attractive when the jelly is in a glass bowl, but if you are turning it out, the fruit looks better on top of the jelly. Try to keep the fruit on the bottom of the mould by setting it in a little jelly and later pouring the rest of the liquid jelly on top.

Here is a jelly with berries, flavoured with crème de cassis, the blackcurrant liqueur which is mixed with white wine to make the French aperitif, *kir*. It is sold in some supermarkets and good off-licences.

Crème de cassis and berry jelly
(serves 6 to 8)
4oz/110g sugar
¾pt/425ml water
2 11g packets gelatine
¾pt/425ml pudding wine
3fl oz/85ml crème de cassis
8oz/225g berries (blackberries are best)

Dissolve the sugar in the water, without boiling. Dissolve the gelatine in the sugary liquid. Warm the wine and crème de cassis. Combine the two liquids and the fruit. Put in a dish to set.

Any leftovers make an unusual but delicious accompaniment to roast beef or venison.

I have also flavoured this jelly with crème de mûre, which is made with blackberries and available in high-class food stores.

Aspic is simply stock which has been clarified, to make it sparkling clear, and then turned to jelly.

This recipe uses agar flakes (sometimes called agar agar), to be found in some health-food shops or from the mail-order address below. Made from various seaweeds, it is used by vegetarians as a setting agent because gelatine comes from animal tissue. You could substitute three-quarters of a packet of gelatine for the agar flakes in this recipe.

Decorating a lamb chop or chicken leg with aspic can be a painstaking task. You have to wait for the aspic to half set and layer it on carefully. This recipe is much simpler. The liquid aspic is poured straight on to the plate and into the natural cup of an artichoke heart.

Globe artichoke hearts with herbie beetroot aspic
(serves 4)
¾pt/425ml vegetable stock made with beetroot
an egg white and shell
4 globe artichokes
2tbs agar flakes
lemon juice
2tbs sherry
attractive green herbs, such as chervil, tarragon and flat-leaf parsley

Make the stock with herbs, peppercorns and lots of vegetables, including a couple of roughly chopped beetroot to give it a deep pink colour and earthy flavour.

Bring to the boil and simmer for about half an hour. Strain off the vegetables.

To clarify the stock (clearing it of sediment) put the white and crushed shell of an egg in the pot. Bring to the boil, whisking constantly. Boil for two minutes without whisking. Any particles in the stock stick to the egg crust on top of the liquid.

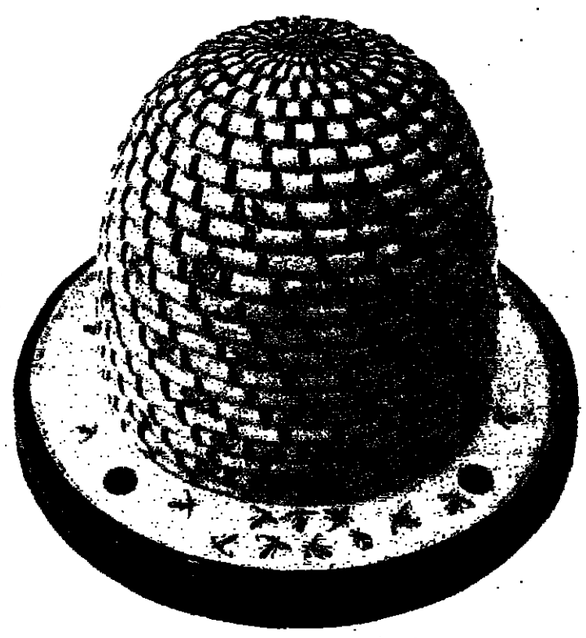
Strain through a sieve lined with a new J-cloth.

Cut the artichokes to just above the heart and remove the choke. Be sure to leave enough leaves to form a low rim around the heart. Steam or boil until cooked, then allow to cool.

Put the agar in the stock, bring to the boil and simmer for about ten minutes to dissolve the flakes. The aspic will be slightly cloudy but it does not matter as you just need a thin layer. Adjust the seasoning, adding lemon juice and sherry to taste.

Put each artichoke in the middle of a small plate. Pour stock into the centres and on the surrounding plate. Put the green herbs in the pink liquid. The agar aspic will set the stock very quickly at room temperature.

● *Agar flakes are available by mail order from Freshlands, 196 Old Street, London EC1V 9FR (071-490 3170).*



Hand-painted beehive jelly mould from the 18th century

PHILIP CASTLE

Chef: Giuseppe Kamenar, 68, known to friends and privileged clients as "Peppino".

Born: Istria, Croatia.

Restaurant/hotel: Villa Cipriani, Via Canova 298, 31011 Asolo, Treviso, Italy (010 39 423 952 166).

Present: Has run the Villa Cipriani since it opened in 1962. Says he would like to retire, but the owners and, more importantly, his customers and staff simply will not allow it.

Past: Was hired by Giuseppe Cipriani, founder of Harry's Bar and the Cipriani Hotel in Venice, to turn the summer villa of the Guinness family at Asolo into an exclusive hotel and restaurant. Set in the picturesque foothills of the Dolomites, the villa was transformed by Signor Kamenar into a gastronomic and luxurious hideaway. Over the years he has entertained the British royal family — including his favourite guest, the Queen Mother — most of the crowned heads of the rest of Europe, presidents, prime ministers and even a pope.

Future: "The people of Asolo recently asked me to become mayor, but I refused outright. Running a restaurant, you can be friends with everyone: working in politics in Italy means only arguments and enemies."

Personal: He is obsessed with serving the freshest produce in his restaurant, and still goes each day to the market at 6am to select for the day's menu. He has a wonderful collection of *bonbonniere*, the presents given to guests at Italian weddings. Not surprising, as he has hosted more than 3,000 weddings at the Villa Cipriani.

Dish: *Risotto primavera* (fresh vegetable risotto). "This recipe comes from an island in the Venice lagoon. I learnt it when being trained by Signor Cipriani. Each month the ingredients are different, as you must only use the freshest vegetables which happen to be in season — for example, mushrooms, courgettes, aubergines, asparagus. The key is in the bouillon. Start with cold water, never hot, and cook for 4-5 hours a mixture of beef, chicken, beef bones, onions, carrots and celery. No salt or pepper. Chop your selection of vegetables (not tomato, onion, celery or carrot) very finely, fry lightly in butter and olive oil, brown gently and remove while still *al dente*. Put the rice in a very hot pan (100g per person), cook a little, then add a dash of white wine. When the wine has evaporated, begin adding the bouillon slowly, stirring constantly. After five minutes, add the vegetables, and salt and pepper to taste. Keep adding the bouillon until the rice is cooked. Remove from heat, add finely grated Parmesan cheese, a knob of butter, and really stir rapidly to give the risotto a light, creamy consistency. Add chopped parsley before serving."

Cost: 18,500 lire (about £8) as a starter, but there is enough in the dish for a second serving.

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Signor Kamenar's ingredients for the perfect *risotto primavera*

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At Kettle's Yard in Cambridge, **Jenny McClean** meets children learning to enjoy art without constraint

STEPHEN MARKESON

Staff member Jenny Kirner watches young members of her Wednesday Club group at Kettle's Yard as they draw inspiration from *Mother carrying two children*, a sculpture by Henri Gaudier-Brzeska

Art is all about us

Without looking up from his drawing of a 14th-century buddha, Craig, aged eight, said: "It feels nice here." With lip-licking concentration he pencilled in some white highlights, then decided to cut out a drawing he had done earlier of a potted plant and construct a collage.

Craig has only recently joined the Wednesday Club at Kettle's Yard in Cambridge, but already he can appreciate the calm, creative atmosphere of this home cum museum cum art gallery. Its founder, the late Jim Ede, a former Tate Gallery curator, lived here from 1957 to 1973. He scorned restrictive labels and described his painstaking amalgam of paintings, sculptures, books, music, furniture, textiles and natural objects as "the fusing of art and daily living".

The Wednesday Club, with its ten children and two staff, is part of an extensive programme run by Sarah Derrick, an education officer, who has strong views on what she sees as the low profile accorded to art in the National Curriculum: "It's always bottom, with PE, and it shouldn't be. It's terribly important; it's about communication. You can teach anything from art objects; art is a language so children can build up a vocabulary. Art galleries and museums should have an education service".

In keeping with Ede's philosophy, the aim of the club is "to teach children to look and ask questions, and to give them the time to do it. The collection in the house never changes, so they get to know the paintings and sculptures and start to work out why certain objects are placed together," Ms Derrick says.

Most of the windows are in the ceilings, so natural light falls on various objects, from Henri Gaudier-Brzeska's sculpture, *Bird swallowing a fish*, to a clutch of sea-smooth pebbles picked off a beach, and is reflected in mirrors to enhance the space.

As she sketched the shadows created by the fish-eating bird, Emma was intrigued that although the sculpture was, in theory, one colour, the light made it look darker at one end than at the other. Recreating this effect in two dimensions on paper was a challenge for a seven-year-old, but Emma was keen to try.

Jessica, ten, joined the club three years ago and recently brought along her friend, Fran. The girls were settled in some of Ede's chairs, working out how to tackle a brass candlestick's shadows and highlights.

"I like the sculpture best," said Jessica. "And you can go where you want and touch things."

"Children respond to the freedom here and the trust placed in them," says Ms Derrick. "The only restrictions are in the materials we use in the house; we don't use paint here, for instance. But when the club is held in the gallery [which adjoins the house and is closed until the spring for extension and refurbishment], we use paint, clay, papier mâché, all sorts of media."

Ede was interested in the "full spaciousness" achieved by placing just the right number and type of objects together so that a room can be made to feel larger, not smaller, by its contents. At Kettle's Yard, now owned by Cambridge university, you are invited to enter into the spirit of the place by appreciating, as Ede did, the beauty of seed pods and broken shells in equal measure to that of a painting by William Congdon or a pot by Bernard Leach. Is that a carving? No, it is a four-foot tall wooden screw from a cider press. And I defy you not to find the bristle-less, handle-less broomhead appealing.

"It feels nice here" sums it up very well.

● *Contact Kettle's Yard, Castle Street, Cambridge CB3 0AQ (0223 352124) for further information on half-term art workshops and other events.*

● *Other museums offering hands-on activities for children include the Museum of Mankind, Burlington Gardens, London W1X 2EX (071-323 8043); Liverpool Museum, William Brown Street, Liverpool L3 8EN (051-207 0001 ext 212); The Exploratory, Bristol Old Station, Temple Meads, Bristol BS1 6QU (0272 253008); Eureka!, Discovery Road, Halifax HX1 2NE (0422 330069).*

Children's events

LONDON

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☐ **Catch the tide:** Watch the annual closure of the Thames Barrier at 8.40am. The exercise is to check that the 520m barrier can cope with the effect of a full tide.
Unity Way, Woolwich, SE18 5NJ (081-854 1373). Free.

OUT OF TOWN

☐ **Northamptonshire:** Feel the heat of a real Tudor kitchen at the hands-on exhibition "Living History 1593", as heavily decorated Tudor food is prepared for a costumed cast.
Sulgrave Manor, Sulgrave (0295 760205). Today, 10.30am-4pm, and tomorrow, 10.30am-3pm. Adult £3.80; child £1.90; £11 for family ticket.

☐ **Kent:** See how they speed at the Powerbike-Auto Cycle Union British Championship.
Brands Hatch, Fawkham (0474 872331). Today (£5) and tomorrow (£9), 9am-6pm. Free for under-16s.

☐ **West Yorkshire:** The Leeds Doll and Teddy Fair claims to be the "largest specialist fair of its type in the North of England": 90 stalls of teddies and dolls.
Civic Hall, Dawson's Corner, Pudsey (091-455 2463). Today, 10.30am-5pm. Adult £2, schoolchild 50p, infants free.

☐ **Derbyshire:** Take them for a ride on a diesel train (dating from 1960 onwards) at the Autumn Diesel Spectacular.
Midland Railway Centre, Butterfly Station, Ripley (0773 747674). Today and tomorrow, 11.15am-4.15pm. One child ticket free with each adult ticket (£4.95). Additional children, £2.50. Includes entry to museum, country park and animal farm.

☐ **Wales:** Prehistoric sea monsters are roaming the National Museum of Wales. They're robotic rather than the real thing but still awe-inspiring.
Cathays Park, Cardiff (0222 397951). Today, 10am-5pm, tomorrow 2.30-5pm and until February 27. Adult £2; child £1.

☐ **Somerset:** A cider-barrel rolling race takes place through the main streets of Taunton today.
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JANE BIDDER

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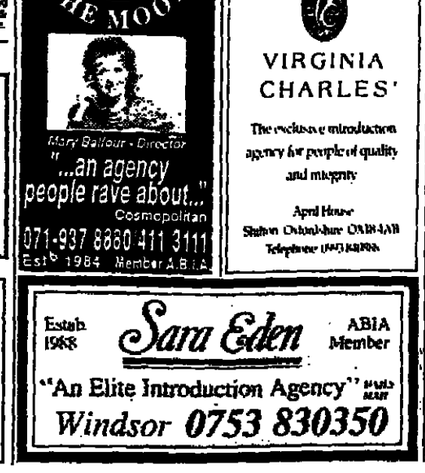

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COSMOPOLITAN gentle educated discerning man seeks warm loyal attractive lady view to marriage. Many interests including classical music, books. Photo exchange please. S.East. Reply to Box No 4382

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6 FT tall and eyes of blue! Highly attractive, athletic, prof man, 37, sensitive, humorous yet adventurous, enjoying good life style. Seeks attractive woman 25-40 for friendship, romance, travel, fun, laughter, sharing. London 6/E pref. Please Reply with Photo to Box No 4289

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GENTLE, tall, successful London-Based man, 41, cultured but down to earth; intelligent, freethinking and cheerful; sensual and loving; seeks similar, attractive woman in thirties to write with photo Box No 4454

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HANDSOME intelligent Italian male 31, seeks attractive bright Italian female 20-30, photo appreciated, Box No 4390.

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LONDON professional man, 45, seeks sensual lady for uncomplicated relationship. Phone: 081-444 8920.

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MUCH travelled, semi-retired businessman, 60s seeks tall, slim, well spoken lady companion for permanent sharing and caring relationship. Platonic nature essential. Reply with photograph please to Box No 4411

MY 1946 birth certificate simply must be wrong. Recently abandoned 6ft 1" man residing Manila/Subic coast wishes to meet tallish slimish woman to explore life. Varied interests, no money worries, very healthy, fairly fit, almost human. Please Reply to Box No 4453

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All the bounty of the bazaar

Sarah Jane Checkland investigates the mystique of Islamic art and points buyers in the right direction

Diddi Malek is not your average Islamic art professional. Not for her the darkened room where deals are made over muddy cups of Turkish coffee. Her style is to nobble unsuspecting Sikhs in restaurants, saying she has just the right North Indian Sikh helmet to go over their turban. She also cheerfully courts prospective clients by inviting their daughters to help out behind the counter.

A half-Iranian, half-English Muslim, she is the new expert at Bonhams of Knightsbridge, and she is out to make Islamic art accessible.

Ranging as it does from incense bowls to hookah pipes, from illuminated Korans to a huge Mogul tent-hanging (estimated at £40,000 to £50,000), her first sale is as inviting as the Istanbul bazaar. To collect Islamic art is to be in colourful company. Your fellows will include Sheikh Nasser al-Ahmed al-Sabah, nephew of the Emir, and the Cypriot businessman Asil Nadir. The magnificent 15th-century Iznik blue and white pottery candlestick which broke the record for an Islamic object at Sotheby's last season is one example from the erstwhile Nadir collection. Having been retrieved by the company's expert, John Carswell, from ignominy in "a cardboard box in the TSB bank on Regent Street", it sold for £617,500 against an estimate of £250,000.

But the most powerful collector of all — in terms of his bottomless budget, at least — is Dr David Khalili, the enigmatic Iranian Jew who is trying to persuade the British government to house his £2 billion collection (recently the subject of two eulogistic programmes on Channel 4) in a specially designated central London museum.

The field has its risks. The art of Islam can be an emotive subject, and the inexperienced buyer can get caught in the bidding crossfire between competing Arabs and Jews. For, thanks to the teachings of Muhammad in the 7th century, and the conquests of the Arabic tribes in the centuries which followed, the art of Islam spreads as far as Central Asia in the east and North Africa and Spain in the west. Many of the countries involved have wealthy citizens with a proprietorial interest in their heritage, and opposing political views.

Not for nothing did Saddam Hussein loot the al-Sabah collection from the museum of Kuwait to Baghdad during the Gulf war. It was a triumphal gesture which showed an acute awareness of the collection's cultural significance and beauty. Napoleon and the Nazis behaved similarly.

Another risk is the outside chance that the object of one's desire is stolen or smuggled. Recent incidents include the appearance on the London market of £450,000-worth of Islamic manuscripts from the Chester Beatty Library in Dublin. It turned out that the curator, David James, had been systematically fleecing the collection for more than 20 years. Some £75,000-worth of Korans and other manuscripts from the library are believed to be still in circulation.

Likewise, Sotheby's recently recognised a 13th-century brass candlestick which had been looted from the collection of Kuwaiti businessman Jasim Homaizi during the Gulf war. On this occasion they were able to return it to its owner. However, as the identity of both buyers and sellers is kept confidential during many deals, a certain number of items could have shady origins. But do not be put off. There is so much to Islamic art to make it worth while persevering.

For a start the design values, as manifested in an arabesque here, a geometric inlay there, can often leave standing the equivalent efforts by Europeans. This sophistication and simplicity results largely from the fact that Islam frowns on the depiction of humans and animals. As Oliver Watson, the V & A expert, has written: "The plant and geometric motifs are woven together in infinitely subtle variations of arabesques, interlace and scroll work."

Likewise, the elegant calligraphy which finds its way on to buildings, pottery and manuscripts alike contains spiritual truisms which have universal relevance, such as the message "There is no God but God". All are quotations from the Koran, which contains the revelations recorded in the 7th century by Muhammad.

So many Islamic objects fit beautifully into the contemporary home, despite their age, says Mr Carswell. "Take a hexagonal inlaid mother-of-pearl table and put it in an absolutely modern room; it fits perfectly because of its inherent design qualities, and it only costs £300," he says.

Commissioned over the centuries by enlightened rulers and the rich, the art of Islam fell out of favour with its people during the 19th century. Indeed, at that time most Iznik pottery — nowadays often considered the jewel in the Islamic crown — was dismissed as barbaric by Turks and was all too often sold to the West. Demand grew again in the 1970s when the Saudi Arabians started reaping the benefits of the Middle East oil boom.

Dr Khalili collected shrewdly throughout the Iran-Iraq and Gulf wars, when there was little competition from the Islamic world; and he compares the rich supply from wealthy Persian refugees after the fall of the Shah with the collecting opportunities thrown up by the French Revolution 200 years ago.

Today, according to Mr Carswell, the market has been holding out well despite the recession. "Sotheby's departments are given annual targets, and we have beaten ours by 10 per cent," he says.

For those sybarites who don't want to break the bank, Ms Malek is probably their best bet. A colourful wall hanging or two (from around £100 to £6,000), an 18th-century Ottoman parquetry wood scribe's table (£500 to £700) and a hookah pipe should do the trick.

Anyone interested in a more academic approach can try Mr Carswell for high-quality objects. Once a university professor in Islamic art, he has enthusiastically pieced together the provenances of three pottery "eggs" coming up in his next auction. The history of a ravishing lustreware jug in his sale could have been forgotten for ever, had he not recognised the name of the vendor's uncle as that of a major 19th-century British collector when it was consigned.

Mr Carswell also emphasises that he lessens the risk of inadvertently handling stolen goods by stocking his sales solely with objects consigned from the West.

Although, as always, the general rule applies that objects of good quality and clean provenance will prove good investments, do not buy for this reason, because you could get it wrong. While the price of a magnificent Persian carpet, which sold ten years ago at Sotheby's for £120,000, rose to around £400,000 at Christie's this year, the value of 19th-century Persian lacquerwork in a style known as Qajar has plummeted. Ms Malek has some Quatar penboxes which, in the late seventies, would have fetched up to £10,000; now she expects them to fetch between £1,500 and £2,000.

But first stop for the incipient Islamic art collector must be the V & A museum, whose collection shows amply, through textiles, pottery and metalwork, what Islamic art is about. Then take the plunge into London's "Islamic week" with sales at Sotheby's, Christie's and Bonhams starting on October 19.

● *Bonhams, Knightsbridge (071-584 9161), sale October 20; Christie's, St James's (071-839 9060), sale October 19; Sotheby's New Bond Street (071-493 8080), sale October 21, followed by a "colonnade" sale or bargain basement event including Middle East and other textiles, on October 29.*

DENZIL McNEELANCE

As inviting as the Istanbul bazaar: Diddi Malek, director of Islamic and Indian art at Bonhams, displaying an assortment of treasures soon to go under the hammer

Sale diary

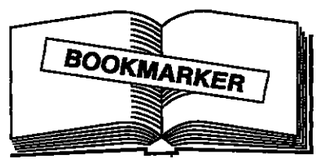
SOTHEBY'S and Christie's are vying for the most sensational object as Islamic week begins in London next week, *Sarah Jane Checkland writes.*

☐ **Sotheby's** has an entire 18th-century Ottoman room on offer on Tuesday, complete with carved gold and silver leaf decorations (estimate £50,000 to £70,000), while on Thursday **Christie's** has a magnificent 11th-century bronze lion similar to the famous griffin that once graced Pisa cathedral (so valuable they will only tell prospective buyers its estimate).

☐ **Bonhams** Knightsbridge goes romantic on Wednesday with its annual sale of glassware made by Lalique. Suitors can buy their loved ones scent bottles (estimated at £600 to £6,000). Also includes an amber vase bought for £1 in a Brighton junk shop and now estimated at £1,200.

☐ **Christie's** goes risqué the same day with a collection of 120 late 19th/early 20th-century daguerreotypes of nudes, some prim and proper, some erotic. They are being sold by Uwe Scheid, a German who made himself a small fortune from his collection of canine photographs in May last year. At Christie's football memorabilia sale in Glasgow on Wednesday, football fans can acquire mementoes of the 1970s Arsenal goalscorer Ray Kennedy (jersey at £250; Football League plaque, £8,000). Phillip's Celebrity Tie auction on Thursday offers examples donated by such heroes as John Major and John Harvey-Jones. Proceeds go towards children with leukemia.

☐ Also on Thursday, **Phillips** plans to offend the ghost of Sir Winston Churchill by offering a Royal Doulton character jug in his image. When it was first produced in 1940, the great man objected to the unflattering image and suggested it be withdrawn. This rare survivor from a brief run is estimated at £2,000 to £3,000.



What the papers said:

Derwent May's bookbuyers' guide

5/5 *Pleasure ratings are awarded to a maximum of five. Column centimetres indicate the length of reviews appearing to date in the national broadsheet newspapers.*

3/5 **Out in de cold:** *Mrs de Winter*, Susan Hill's sequel (Sinclair-Stevenson, £12.99) to Daphne du Maurier's *Rebecca*, was the "Hype of the Year" according to Clare Colvin in *The Sunday Express*. (Hill got a £650,000 advance that she had to split with the du Maurier estate.) In *The Sunday Telegraph*, Jessica Mann acknowledged that Hill was the better writer, but "she is too well balanced a bourgeois wife and mother to replicate Daphne du Maurier's neurotic passions", and her "slow-moving story and its pastoral settings seem tame compared to the tumultuous original". Most other reviewers felt a similar, rather shamefaced disappointment. Nicci Gerrard in *The Observer* said that du Maurier "demonised her characters" whereas Hill "humanises them". J.D.F. Jones in *The Financial Times* approved of Hill's desire to "add the missing moral dimension"; but Natasha Walter in *The Independent* concluded that "*Rebecca*'s remaining lovers will feel, like Mrs Danvers, that the peace of Manderley should never have been disturbed".
Col cms: 305.

4/5 **Merry Perry:** Like the autobiographies of most controversial characters, Peregrine Worsthorne's *Tricks of Memory* (Weidenfeld, £18.99) tended to provoke comments on the author rather than the book — ranging from Alan Watkins's "the kindest of men" (*Sunday Telegraph*) to Rhoda Koenig's "loony" (*Independent on Sunday*). But those reviewers who concentrated on the volume enjoyed themselves. In *The Financial Times* Malcolm Rutherford said he "could not remember agreeing with anything the former editor of *The Sunday Telegraph* has said or written" — but "Worsthorne has one huge advantage — he can write", and the first 100 pages, in particular, were "sheer delight". In *The Literary Review*, Lynn Barber praised Worsthorne's "gaiety and panache" — the book was "a wonderful piece of writing, provocative and amusing on every page, and lovable throughout". In *The Times*, Daniel Johnson said it was "perhaps the best record we shall ever have of a Fleet Street that is gone for ever, and of a lord of misrule whose memory will be inseparable from its history".
Col cms: 206.

3/5 **Matrix — and dirty tricks:** Paul Henderson's rapidly written *The Unlikely Spy* (Bloomsbury £16.99) was, said Christopher Andrew in *The Sunday Telegraph*, "a worrying book about a worrying subject". Henderson spied for Britain in conditions of great danger while he was selling machine tools for Matrix Churchill in Iraq, but he almost went to prison on the grounds that the tools had military uses. His claim in this book is that the government knew about everything. Rupert Allason, in his *Sunday Times* review, called for the "five erring ministers" to lose their jobs.
Col cms: 208.

2/5 **The loving Lord:** When they are passionate about a subject, "the likes of Lord Longford will talk till they drop", said Francis Fyfield in *The Evening Standard*.

However, the book he was reviewing this time was a collection by his lordship of other people's comments on how to deal with *Young Offenders* (Chapmans £20). "Admirably Christian" declared Fyfield — but adding up to no more than an ineffectual "series of murmurs". Ex-convict John McVicar spoke plainer in *The Sunday Times*: "nutters", he said.
Col cms: 79.

The fight for peace on earth

Ruth Gledhill joins the Salvation Army as it mobilises on the day of rest

TRANSFIXED by glistening goods in windows and counting off the shopping days to Christmas, I almost missed the small, drab doorway squeezed between Ernest Jones and Scottish Woollens, opposite BhS in Oxford Street, London. But behind it lurked a remarkable interior. Purchased by the Salvation Army in 1882, the former roller-skating rink is now a worship centre of military splendour, with polished wood and banners at ease beside the Bibles and songbooks, and a crest like a target on the wall bearing the motto "Blood and Fire", the blood of Christ and the fire of the Holy Spirit.

A few veterans and Salvation Army stalwarts, wearing the distinctive navy blue uniforms, had turned out for the 9.30am prayers which began the Sunday programme. By 10am, the brass band, including young solicitors, doctors, accountants, computer operators, barristers and retired businessmen, was gathered in the lobby and ready to march, with Sergeant Major Alan Rushforth at the head. A woman percussionist struck up on the drums, and as the band marched out into Oxford Street we fell in behind.

It was impossible not to walk in time to the music, or to escape a thrill as the Number Seven bus was forced to a halt, foreign tourists stared, and even builders on the roadside were reduced to slack-jawed silence. A guiding principle of the Salvation Army is that if the people won't come to church, they will take the church to them.

The Salvation Army, founded by William Booth, the Methodist preacher, in 1865, has territories in 95 countries worldwide, with 1.5 million soldiers and 16,455 officers. A further four territories have been established in the former Soviet Union, but without proper constitutions.

The Salvation Army is run along military lines. Worldwide, it is divided into territories, provinces and divisions, with a general at its head and ranks of commissioners, colonels, lieutenant-colonels, majors, captains and lieutenants below. Each officer is an ordained minister of religion. The Salvation Army has corps, not churches, which are army units established for the propagation of the Gospel. Soldiers are non-commissioned corps members who attend Sunday meetings and have signed a declaration of Christian faith, where they promise to lead a life of high moral value and to abstain from smoking, drinking and gambling.

Harris Gianaros, aged 32, the hall manager, had joined the army a month before, "because they put Christianity into practice". He marched behind with us.

By now we had reached Lilley & Skinner, turned left past Bond Street station and right again, stopping opposite a Victorian red-brick block of flats, behind whose tightly-drawn curtains unsuspecting residents were sleeping.

Bandsman Gavin Drake, a business studies student, who plays the euphonium, led our worship, reading out every verse of every hymn so those without books could sing along. We launched enthusiastically into "Life is Great! So Sing About It!". A middle-aged woman in a nightgown appeared at the door of the flats. She was about to speak her mind but changed it at the last minute, and accepted instead a copy of *The War Cry*, the Salvation Army newspaper which sells 85,000 copies a week. The number of onlookers had crept up to six when we reached the prayers.

"Dear Lord, we pray for each and every person in this street," said bandsman Ken Bonser-Ward. A dustcart drove up the street and down again, stalling for just a little too long beside us for it to be chance. "Have you ever stopped to think how God loves you?" we sang joyfully to the driver, whose cynical expression melted in the face of this religious advance, and who surrendered and drove away. After a brief talk from a bandsman, urging listeners to read their Bibles, we sang a final song and turned about. The builders this time cheered us back into the hall.

This was just the beginning to the Salvation Army Sunday, a "day of rest" which went on to include more open-air meetings, songs and worship in the hall. This intensive programme gave little clue to the vast amount of social work and caring that goes on behind the scenes. In London alone, the Salvation Army runs hostels for homeless people and alcoholics, organises soup runs for the homeless, helps abused children, traces missing people, runs play-centres, nurseries and employment training centres. Regent Hall is one of 900 worship centres in the UK, attended by more than 55,000 soldiers as well as the public.

Salvation Army officers tend to work in couples. If an officer wishes to marry, he or she must marry another officer, a rule which allows "swift movement of troops when given their marching orders", according to one member. Captain John Wainwright and Mrs Captain Dorita Wainwright led the next act of worship, for which the Rink was packed with Salvation Army members, tourists, local residents and young families, and the numbers grew as the day progressed. But my lasting impression was the excitement at the unlikely meeting of God and Mammon, when we marched out into Oxford Street, not to shop, but to sing and pray.

● *Sunday worship at Regent Hall: 9.30am prayer meeting, 10am open-air meeting or hospital visit, 11am morning worship, 12am lunch, 1.45pm open-air meeting, 3pm musical praise and tea, 5.30pm open-air meeting, 6.30pm Good News for Today.*

DENZIL McNEELANCE

The Salvation Army strides out into London's Oxford Street, watched by soldier Sheelagh Hall and Faye Browne, 19 months (right)

The Salvation Army, Regent Hall, 275 Oxford Street, London WIR ILD (071-629 5424).

OFFICER-IN-CHARGE: Major David Drake.

ARCHITECTURE: Late 19th century, known as "The Rink" because it was converted from a roller-skating rink.★★★

ADDRESS: Somewhat dry distillation of spiritual need "which can only be fully met in Jesus Christ".★★

LITURGY: No set order, but meetings structured around music and song.★

MUSIC: Fabulously rousing renditions from a 60-strong "Songster Brigade" and a "Singing Company" of 20, accompanied at times by a surprisingly youthful and expert brass band.★★★★★

SPIRITUAL HIGH: Elevating to the point where I almost wanted to sign up.★★★★

AFTER-SERVICE CARE: Great if you are an alcoholic, down-and-out, homeless, lost, unemployed or spiritually bereft.★★★★

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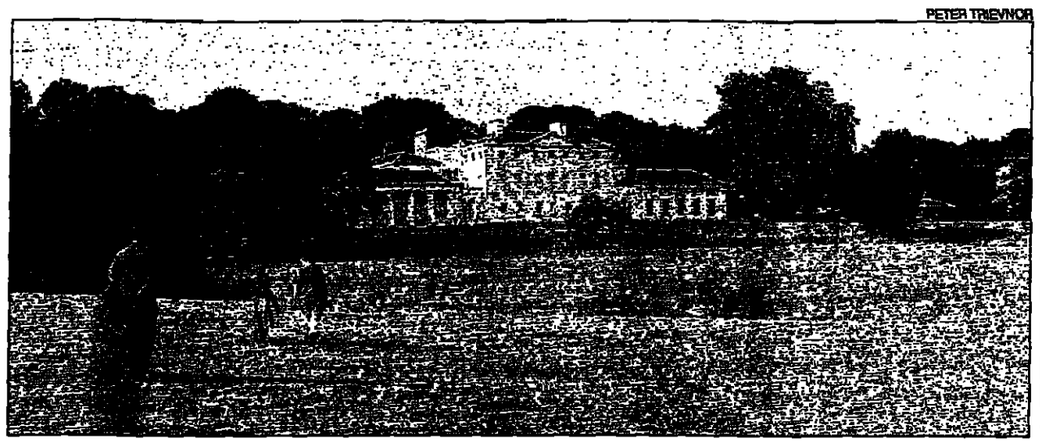
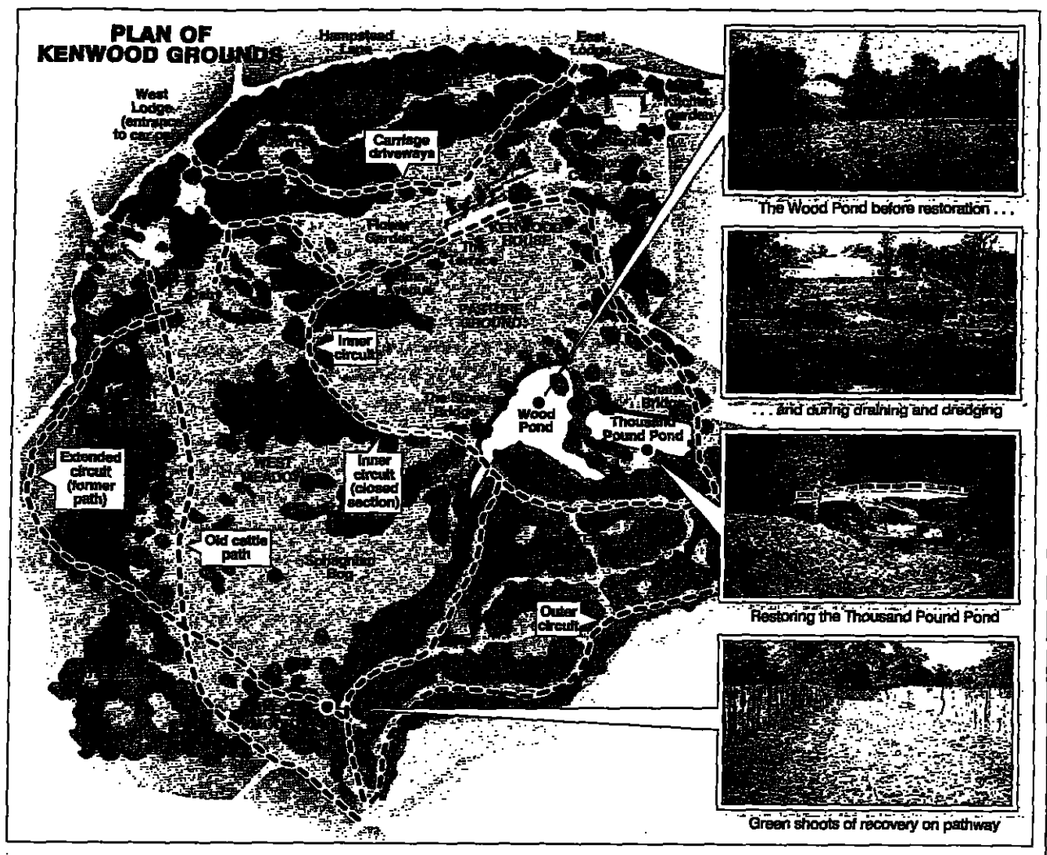
LANDSCAPES

Back from the wilderness

James Hepburn surveys the controversial work of restoring an 18th-century London estate

PETER TREVNOR





In the 18th century, Londoners were afraid to ascend the hill to Hampstead. Like Amazon tribesmen gazing at the Andes, they feared that the air was too thin for human life. Some people in south London still hold to this belief.

Two hundred years on, Hampstead Heath keeps an air of mystery. In parts, it feels like the country. The air is different. Three miles to the north of the Post Office tower, there are birds without catarrh in their vocal cords.

The Kenwood House estate occupies more than 100 acres to the north of the heath. In 1986, when the vultures picked over the bones of the Greater London Council, most of the heath went to the Corporation of London, but Kenwood and its grounds passed to English Heritage.

Kenwood is best known for its neo-classical villa, its summer-evening concerts and its art gallery. However, interest has turned to the grounds of the house and a plan to restore them to their original 18th-century state.

I was shown over the estate by Carol Colson of the Colson Stone Partnership, the consultants responsible for the landscape work. Miss Colson is in love with her contract. She talks passionately of progress made and plans for the future.

The guiding idea is to return the grounds to the plan laid down by Humphrey Repton, the landscape designer commissioned in 1793 by the 2nd Earl of Bute.

Repton's creation was a circuit of spectacularly designed views of house and landscape. His work stayed more or less intact until the mid-1950s, when Kenwood ceased to be managed as a separate estate. The sheep which had kept down the shrubbery were packed off for slaughter. Birch groves sprouted in the undergrowth; rhododendron and laurel ran amok, poisoning the earth for the native species; the great storm of 1987 skittled the avenue of 18th-century limes; the two ponds at the foot of the lawn behind the house clogged with silt.

The first phase of restoration was the most ambitious. Over the winter of 1992-3, tons of slime, stinking of hydrogen sulphide, were dredged from the beds and the silted banks of the two ponds. The bridge on the Thousand Pound Pond, the site of the concert stage, was rebuilt right down to the 200-year-old joke of a single baluster the wrong way up on the bridge's balustrade.

In the woodland beyond the water, a gradual and complicated scheme is under way to remove foreign species and encourage English oak, birch, holly and bramble. The effect now is scrappy and chaotic. The combined effects of the hurricane and the extirpation of laurel and rhododendron have left parts of the wood looking like the trail in the wake of a mastodon. Over everything hangs the stench of the stinkhorn, a fungus shaped in dubious taste, which relies on flies for sexual reproduction. Bit by bit, however, the old wood is returning.

While the work on the water and the wood is welcomed by pretty well everyone, there is less enthusiasm for Miss Colson's plans to bring the 18th century back to the fields to the west of the house. The west meadow is a sweep of valley dotted and fringed by clumps of beech, oak and exotic ornamental trees. The plan is to restore the original views from the meadow to the house and up to the 18th-century model dairy on the crest of the slope. To do this, the trees have to be drastically thinned. English Heritage claims it has a mandate for the work.

In 1990, 4,000 visitors to the house completed a questionnaire on the landscape. Nearly half said that they wanted the restoration of historic views. The Heath and Old Hampstead Society has been consulted at every stage. Brian Seddon, chairman of the heath sub-committee, supports everything that has been done.

Ruth Stungo, a former member of the heath sub-committee and herself a landscape consultant, is less convinced. She feels that a landscape designed for an 18th-century earl is not necessarily the most appropriate for one of the few patches of green in a late 20th-century city.

Among those who walk on the heath, some regard Miss Colson's plans with horror. Juliet Purssell has known the Kenwood grounds for a decade. In a thunderstorm she took me to the west meadow and mourned the passing of the hidden clearings and copses where her children have played since early infancy. To her, the return to parkland is a cold historical experiment — the municipalisation of wilderness.

Mrs Purssell is dismissive of English Heritage's consultation process. The questionnaires were given only to those who came to the house, a third of whom visited Kenwood regularly. It missed the walkers. The cutting of trees was not mentioned directly. Regular bulletins are now issued on progress, but only when the work has been contracted.

The opposition, until now scattered voices crying for a wilderness, has recently united to form "Kenwood Trees" to campaign against the felling. However, it may have moved too late to stop the return to 1793.

In Kenwood, unlike most places on earth, the clock is turning backwards.

● *Kenwood Trees, PO Box 3204, London NW5 2XY*

TOP RIGHT

Loneliness of the long-distance runner in last year's Gatorade Ironman contest in Kona, Hawaii (picture courtesy of Mike Powell/Allsport).

CENTRE RIGHT

Triathletes reach for refreshment at an aid station in the Gatorade Ironman (Mike Powell/Allsport).

RIGHT

The cycling stage of the Hawaii Triathlon (Vandystadt press agency). Competitors can spend thousands of pounds on equipment, from the innovative bicycles with special wheels, gears and handlebars (which have now made their way into use by professional cyclists in the Tour de France), to £100-a-pair running shoes. Lycra cycle shorts and wet suits. However, the basics for a short-course triathlon with an indoor swim are a swimming costume, goggles (recommended) and cap (obligatory for women and men), a roadworthy bicycle (mountain bikes are a common sight at triathlons), helmet (obligatory) and shirt or vest, and running shoes (can also be worn on the bike). A number of better cycling shops have begun to show an interest in triathlon, and can often provide advice on equipment.

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SPORTING LIFE

Competitors head for the water in the 1990 Nice triathlon (picture by Vandystadt): strong swimmers get off to a good start in triathlons, because while almost everyone can run or cycle, non-swimmers are at a clear disadvantage

Trials by land and sea for the iron athletes

The triathlon has been hailed as the new sport for the new century. Steven Downes limbers up

Late one night in a bar on the island of Oahu, Hawaii, three men — a runner, a cyclist and a swimmer — at the end of a boozy session argued the question of who was the fittest. A challenge was issued.

Decent hangovers might have been expected to erase the memory of the rash wager. But somehow, someone remembered: a 2½-mile ocean swim in the Pacific breakers off Waikiki, followed by a 112-mile cycle ride around the island's volcanic mountains, finished off with a sprint to the line, a 26-mile marathon run. Consecutively, without stopping.

Twelve of the 15 starters in that first event in 1977 managed to finish. They called themselves Ironmen.

At first, the event had a limited appeal: only the superfit with a seriously masochistic streak needed to apply. But there were enough of such people in Hawaii and west-coast America for the Ironman triathlon to be established as a growing, annual event. In 1982, with the event now on the main island, the triathlon got its big break: television was there.

The race made good enough TV after editing — the first winner had taken 11 hours 46 minutes — but with Ironwomen now competing too, it was the efforts of Julie Moss that really captured the audience's imagination.

Well after dusk, as Moss, the long-time leader of the women's race, was caught and passed towards the end of the run, her exhaustion overtook her willpower, and she collapsed to her knees. Within sight of the finish, she lifted herself up and crawled across the line. The cameras captured every second of her torment. It seemed that everyone who saw it wanted to be a triathlete.

A decade later, the argot of the changing rooms at sports clubs and swimming pools around the country is no longer all about runners' PBs, the wall of the marathon and jogger's nipple, but instead about transitions, the Bonk, and short-course bests. Those who know about these things say that triathlon is the new sport for the new century. This year, the event has twice broken into the citadel of "real" sport, with coverage on BBC television's *Grandstand*, including the controversial event at Bath where women (given a head start) competed against men. And won.

There is even talk of including it in the Olympic and Commonwealth Games, and the sport has scaled down its distances so that the original Ironman is no longer the only event, but merely the pinnacle of a whole range of tri-events of varied distances and difficulty.

The Lewes triathlon, for example, is ideal for those who want to give the sport a try. Its 400m swim in the indoor pool, 25km pedal over the South Downs, and 5km (three-mile) run appeal to complete beginners. But the preparation required of novices even for such a low-key event is something to note.

Many longer triathlons have massed starts in the sea, lakes or rivers. However, "United Kingdom inland and offshore waters are not completely safe for swimming," entrants in this year's Ironbridge triathlon, in Shropshire, which has a river swim, were warned. "Although we have had water samples taken and analysed, statements concerning the suitability for swimming should be interpreted cautiously."

Shorter races, especially those with pool swims, because of time and space constraints operate more like time trials, with swimmers given designated starting times according to ability. This is where Gregory Glinski, a complete beginner with no swimming background, came unstuck at Lewes.

His incorrectly estimated swim time meant he was listed to start with the élite competitors. Mr Glinski knew someone might spot him as a ringer by the time he set off on his second length of flailing frontcrawl, so a call to the organisers put that mistake right, but it did not make the swim any easier.

Still, he proved that almost anyone can take part in a triathlon for a bit of fun. Most people, however, come to triathlon from a competitive background in one of the three sports. Strong swimmers obviously get off to a good start in triathlons, because while almost everyone can run or cycle, non-swimmers are a bit stuck. It is also fair to say that, based on the length of the cycling stage compared to the swim and run, strong bikers have a bit of an advantage.

But then the key to triathlon is to be equally good at all three elements. Therein lies the sport's great advantage: its variety is a holistic route to fitness, which avoids the excesses of solely pounding the road in marathon training, or the lack of upper-body work with cycling, or the tedium of hours in the pool.

The triathlon also fulfils the two cardinal rules of sport in America: it is "televisual", as anyone who has seen coverage of San Francisco's Escape from Alcatraz race will attest; and it is trendy. The kit and the tone are all prerequisites of fashionable life in the 1990s.

Tri just a little bit harder

☐ **Tri training:** To compete in a triathlon you must be a reasonably strong swimmer, so make sure you practise enough to be able comfortably to cover the swimming distance of your beginner's triathlon (usually about 400m). Front crawl is the usual stroke to use — it is the fastest — but some do use breaststroke.
Then you should start bicycle training and enter a local short-course event. However, entry fees are not cheap, so choose your event carefully. Give yourself plenty of time to build up stamina.
There are events for all age groups and standards: many now have veteran and novice categories, while the London Youth Games (for under-17s) stages a triathlon annually, and earlier this year a triathlon for eight to 13-year-olds was held staged in Dover.
The British Triathlon Association can also provide advice on training, events and clubs, and membership of the association is obligatory if you intend to compete regularly.
Write, with SAE, to BTA, Dover Leisure Centre, Townwall St, Dover, Kent CT16 1LN.

☐ **Tri reading:** Details of events around Britain and Europe and training advice can be found in the two monthly magazines, *Triathlete* (mainly American, but with a British "wrap-round" section) and *220*.

☐ **Tri Iron:** This year's Ironman triathlon, the culmination and highlight of the International Professional Triathlon Tour, is staged in Hawaii on October 30.

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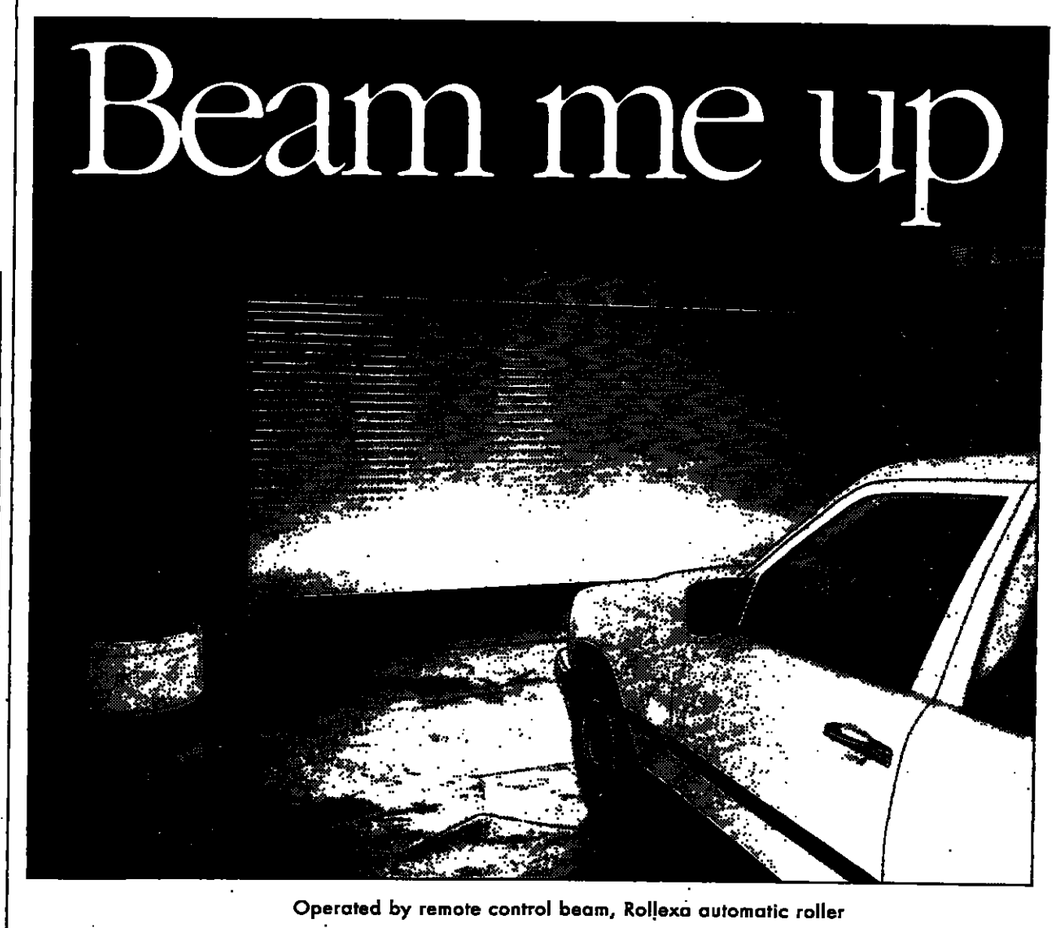

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Ski chalets for work and play

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SECOND HOME

Ski buffs Alan and Belinda Dixon, from Chelmsford in Essex, bought their second home in the French Alps four years ago. They paid £89,000 for the newly built three-bedroom duplex apartment at La Résidence Bouillandire in the pretty Alpine village of Les Gets, in the Portes de Soleil ski area, between Mont Blanc and Lake Geneva.

The couple liked their French home so much that they have since bought another two flats in the same complex, and now run a successful package holiday business, offering all-inclusive chalet holidays in the winter season, letting out their three apartments on a self-catering basis during the summer months.

Alan Dixon, who also works as an insurance broker, explains: "We both love to ski and wanted a second home in the French Alps to use for family holidays, with potential for letting. The Portes de Soleil, particularly Les Gets, is a very pretty area and the skiing is good, so it seemed the ideal place.

"We bought the first apartment from plan and paid in stages geared to construction, so we didn't know exactly what to expect. It was just a concrete raft covered in snow when we first saw it. But when it was finished, we were delighted." Mr Dixon says.

There are no tower blocks in Les Gets; all buildings must follow the natural contours of the land. La Résidence Bouillandire is built into a slope, which means that although the Dixons' apartment is at the top of the building, they can step out of their flat on to the mountainside.

"It's more like a semi-detached chalet, with balconies, windows and French doors. The view is superb and the ski lifts only 500 yards away," says Mr Dixon.

The Dixons hired a British-based solicitor who specialises in French conveyancing to handle the transaction: "It doesn't cost a fortune to take legal advice and it gives peace of mind." Mr Dixon says. "Buying costs are cheaper on newly built property, except for French VAT which is usually included in the purchase price, and there are no property taxes to pay for the first year."

The Dixons started letting the apartment to friends when they were unable to use it themselves. They soon realised the potential, and a year later bought another large flat in the same building, paying £130,000. Last year they bought a third, with only two bedrooms this time, costing £68,000.

"We didn't need to borrow any money, so there was no pressure on us to rush at anything. We started out in a small way, and allowed the business to develop as it went along," says Mr Dixon.

Mrs Dixon now spends the winter months in the French Alps looking after paying guests, with the help of two full-time chalet maids. Their two sons, both in their early twenties, help out too.

Mr Dixon runs the UK office and looks after the maintenance of the three Alpine apartments, commuting to and from France most weekends during the winter season. "We were determined at the start not to make the mistakes of so many bad chalet holidays we have had in the past," he says. "We try to do everything to a high standard, which is hard work, but it pays in the long run."

The Dixons believe it is their attention to detail, the French menus, good wines and spotless apartments that have brought them so many repeat bookings and recommendations from previous clients. "Domestic skills are vital, and we insist that the English chalet girls we employ have completed a recognised French cookery course," says Mr Dixon.

The first flat was furnished extensively from England, because "it seemed better value at the time", says Mr Dixon. But for the second and third apartments, the Dixons opted to buy furniture and other domestic items in France.

"Generally speaking, the quality is better and there are a number of specialist items which the French do well; 'clic-clacs', for example, are marvellous settees that convert into a double bed."

The Dixons produce their own holiday brochure, advertising extensively in the classified sections of national weekend press. They charge from £310 per person for a week in the ski season, including transportation (rail or air), insurance, breakfast, afternoon tea and four-course dinner with wine in the evening. A summer week in a self-catering apartment sleeping six costs £410.

● *Further information from the Dixons on 0245 400684.*

Belinda Dixon outside the three-bedroom apartment she and her husband bought for £89,000

Buyer's France

LES GETS

IN THE pretty alpine village of Les Gets, in the Portes du Soleil ski area, between Mont Blanc and Lake Geneva, this recently refurbished south-facing chalet (below) is for sale for FFr1.8 million (about £210,000). It has five double bedrooms, three bathrooms (one en suite), a large sitting room with dining area and open fireplace, kitchen, cloakroom, laundry, playroom, cellar and garage, plus an acre of gardens. Alternatively, nearby you can buy a studio apartment in this chalet-style alpine block (right) for as little as FFr200,000 (about £23,000), or one of two one-bedroom apartments for FFr280,000 and FFr350,000, respectively, or a two-bedroom flat for FFr600,000.

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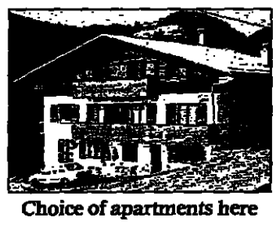

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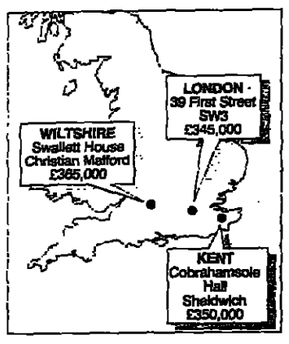

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FILM

NEW RELEASES

RISING SUN (18). Murder at a Japanese conglomerate's LA headquarters. Botched if handsome adaptation of Michael Crichton's book. With Wesley Snipes and Sean Connery: Philip Kaufman directs.
Electric (071-792 2020) **Odeon Kensington** (0426 914666) **Leicester Square** (0426 915683) **Marble Arch** (0426 914501) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332).

THE SECRET GARDEN (U): Polished version of Frances Hodgson Burnett's classic; a confident mainstream debut for director Agnieszka Holland. With Kate Maberly, Maggie Smith
MGMs: Baker Street (071-935 9772) **Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **Shaftesbury Avenue** (071-836 6279) **Minema** (071-235 4225) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332) **Warner** (071-437 4343)

THREE COLOURS: BLUE (15): Brilliantly shot but chilly first instalment of Kieslowski's trilogy. Juliette Binoche as a composer's widow trying to start from zero
Chelsea Cinema (071-351 3742/3743) **Lumière** (071-836 0691) **Renoir** (071-837 8402)

TRUE ROMANCE (18): Lovers

Sean Connery in Philip Kaufman's *Rising Sun*

on the run with a suitcase of cocaine. Smart lines, a strong cast, but excessively noisy, violent and empty. Tony Scott directs Christian Slater and Patricia Arquette.
MGM Chelsea (071-352 5096) **Notting Hill Coronet** (071-727 6705) **Odeons: Haymarket** (0426-915 353) **Kensington** (0426 914666) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **Warner** (071-437 4343) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332)

CURRENT

THE FIRM (15): Tom Cruise discovers his law firm fronts for the Mafia. Star power galore, but little meat. Sydney Pollack directs.
Empire (071-437 9999) **MGMs: Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332).

THE FUGITIVE (12): 1960s television series roars back to life with Harrison Ford as the fugitive. With Tommy Lee Jones; director, Andrew Davis.
MGMs: Baker Street (071-935 9772) **Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **Oxford Street** (071-636 0310) **Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332) **Warner** (071-437 4343)

IN THE LINE OF FIRE (15): Secret Service agent Clint Eastwood fights John Malkovich's psychopath in Wolfgang Petersen's sturdy thriller.
MGM Fulham Road (071-370 2636) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **Mezzanine** (0426 915683) **Swiss Cottage** (071-586 3057) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332) **Warner** (071-437 4343)

IN THE SOUP (15): Gangster (Seymour Cassel) bankrolls an aspiring film-maker (Steve Buscemi). Zany, joyous comedy from American independent Alexandre Rockwell
MGM Tottenham Court Road (071-636 6148)

RAINING STONES (15): Wonderful slice of life on a Catholic council estate. Director Ken Loach blends biting humour and raw pain. Endearing performances from local talent.
Camden Plaza (071-485 2443) **MGMs: Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **Haymarket** (071-839 1527) **Odeon Kensington** (0426-914666) **Screen on the Green** (071-226 3520)

SLEEPLESS IN SEATTLE (PG): Meg Ryan makes a long-distance play for widower Tom Hanks. Smart but indulgent comedy. Writer-director Nora Ephron.
MGM Chelsea (071-352 5096) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **West End** (0426 915574) **Screen on Baker Street** (071-935 2772) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332)

THIS BOY'S LIFE (15): Tyrant stepfather Robert De Niro makes an adolescent's life hell. Uneven version of Tobias Wolff's memoir with Leonard DiCaprio and Ellen Barkin. Michael Caton-Jones directs
MGM Haymarket (071-839 1527) **Warner** (071-437 4343)

WORD-WATCHING

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OPHELIMITY
(b) The ability to satisfy sexually, but the secondary meaning is the ability to please generally. From the Greek *ophelein* to be in debt or put in debt. "Chastity, Poverty, Ophemility" (the vow of the Order of St Gillius, Corsican monastic pioneer).

WAMBLE
(a) An unpredictable rumbling of the stomach. From Old English *wambul*, cognate with the Latin *vomere*, Greek *emein*: "Our meate going doune into the stomacke merily, dissolveth incontinently all wambles." (Plutarch's *Moralia*, translated by Holland).

GLEBOUS
(b) Full of clods or lumps. From Latin *glebus*, cf. *glebe* earth, the sod: "White silver ore that was glebous or cloddy, found at Sneburg." (Webster's *Metallographia*).

TARSALGIA
(c) A nagging pain in the feet or toes, from the Greek *tarsos* the flat of the foot between the toes and the heel + *algia* pain: Billings, *Natura Medicalis*, 1890: "*Tarsalgia*... peculiar neuralgic affection of the foot, often with some flattening of the arch and contraction of the plantar muscles; observed in policemen, soldiers, etc."

THEATRE

LONDON

THE ABSENCE OF WAR John Thaw stars in David Hare's study of the Labour party. Brilliant, necessary, or unfair, depending on your point of view
National (Olivier), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252) Today, 2.00pm and 7.15pm. Then in repertoire

BILLY SMART'S CIRCUS. Back again after 21 years off the road for a three-week season (which could be extended)
Old Deer Park, Kew Road, Richmond (081-332 2323) Perfs: Mon, 8pm, Tues-Fri, 4.45pm and 8pm, Sat 3pm and 8pm, Sun 11am and 3pm. Until at least Nov 7

HUGE Two clever comics, Ben Miller and Simon Godley, play two disaffected comics raking over their rich treasury of material
King's Head, Upper St, N1 (071-226 1916) Previews Tues, 8pm. Opens Wed, 8pm. Then Tues-Sun 8pm; mats Sat, Sun, 3.30pm. Until Oct 31.

LIVE LIKE PIGS: First fruit of the Royal Court's new policy of reviving significant works from the early days of the English Stage Co. Katie Mitchell directs John Arden's study of culture shock when gypsies are settled in a housing estate.
Theatre Upstairs, Royal Court, Sloane Square, SW1 (071-730 2554). Previews Wed and Thrs, 7.30pm, opens Fri, 7.30pm, then Mon-Sat, 7.30pm. Mats Sat (from Oct 30), 3.30pm. Until Nov 13.

LOOKING THROUGH A GLASS ONION: John Waters stars in his own acclaimed musical tribute to John Lennon
Criterion, Piccadilly Circus, W1 (071-839 4488) Previews, 8pm. Opens Mon, 9pm, then Mon-Thurs, 8pm, Fri and Sat, 6pm and 9pm.

MEDEA: Diana Rigg returns to the West End in Euripedes's tragedy. Directed by Jonathan Kent.
Wyndham's, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-867 1116). Previews, 8pm. Opens Tues, 7.30pm. Then Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat, 8.30pm, mats Thurs, 3pm and Sat 5.30pm

MR DIRECTOR: New Fay Weldon play, billed as a black comedy, about the reactions of authority when a 14-year-old is locked up in an isolation unit.
Orange Tree, Clarence St, Richmond (081-940 3633). Previews from Thurs, 7.45pm. Opens Oct 28, 7.45pm, Mon-Sat, 7.45pm. Mats: some Thurs 2.30pm; Sats (from Oct 30), 4pm. Until Nov 27.

PICKWICK: Harry Secombe in a naive but goodhearted musical.
Sadler's Wells, Rosebery Avenue, EC1 (071-278 8916). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats, Wed and Sat, 2.30pm.

SHE STOOPS TO CONQUER: Donald Sinden, Miriam Margolyes, David Essex in Peter Hall's revival of Goldsmith's comedy.
Queens, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5041) Previews from Wed, 7.30pm. Opens Oct 25, 7pm. Then Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Sat, 2.30pm.

THERESE RAQUIN: Julia Bardsley begins the new regime at the Young Vic with her own version of Zola's sexual thriller.
Young Vic, 60 The Cut, SE1 (071-928 6363). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; mats Sat 2.30pm and some Weds.

TIME OF MY LIFE: One of Ayckbourn's best family plays.
Vaudeville, Strand, WC2 (071-836 9987). Mon-Fri 7.45pm, Sat 8pm; mats Weds 2.30pm, Sats 4pm. Final Week.

VITA AND VIRGINIA: Eileen Atkins' play based on Virginia Woolf's crush on Vita Sackville-West, with herself and Penelope Wilton.
Ambassadors, West St, WC2 (071-836 6111). Now previewing. Tues-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, 2.30pm, and Sat and Sun, 3.30pm.

REGIONAL

BIRMINGHAM: Bill Alexander revives Pinter's fascinating three-hander from 1971, *Old Times*: with Tim Pigott-Smith, Estelle Kohler, Carol Royle.
Repertory Theatre, Centenary Square (021-236 4455). Previews from Fri, 7.30pm. Opens Oct 26, 7.30pm. Until Nov 20.

LEEDS: Vicky Featherstone has chosen newcomer John Higgins to play Pinkie in a new adaptation of Graham Greene's *Brighton Rock*.
Quarry Theatre, West Yorkshire Playhouse, The Quarry, Hill Mount (0532 442111). Previews from Thurs, 7.30pm. Opens Oct 26, 7.30pm.

STRATFORD UPON AVON: Last premiere in the main house this year. Daniel Massey and Jeremy Northam in Ian Judge's production of *Love's Labour's Lost*.
Royal Shakespeare Theatre (0789 295623). Previews from Thurs, 7.30pm. Opens Oct 27, 7pm.

STRATFORD UPON AVON: Alec McCowen plays the composer Elgar, shattered by the bad reception given to his 2nd Symphony in *Elgar's Rondo*, by David Pownall. Di Trevis directs.
Swan Theatre (0789 295623). Previews from Wed, 7.30pm. Opens Oct 26, 7pm.

Miriam Margolyes as Mrs Hardcastle, David Essex as Tony Lumpkin in *She Stoops to Conquer* (see Theatre)

STRATFORD UPON AVON: David Calder hunts the great white whale in *Moby Dick*, adapted by Rod Wooden, directed by Communicado's Gerry Mulgrew.
The Other Place (0789 295623). Previews from Wed, 7.30pm. Opens Oct 28, 7pm.

SCARBOROUGH: Alan Ayckbourn directs *Love Off the Shelf*, a musical tale of two authors.
Stephen Joseph Theatre in the Round (0723 370541). Previews, 4pm and 7.30pm. Opens Thurs, 7.30pm.

DANCE

THE SLEEPING BEAUTY: English National Ballet unveils its new Tchaikovsky, just in time for the centenary of the composer's death. No expense has been spared in the £500,000 production: the sets and costumes by Peter Docherty are lavish and elegant. The choreography is by Ronald Hynd, who is trying to be as faithful to the Petipa original as possible. If his *Sleeping Beauty* turns out to be as good as his *Coppélia*, ENB will have a hit.
Mayflower Theatre, Commercial Road, Southampton (0703 229771). Thurs-next Sat, 7.30pm, mat, next Sat, 2.30pm.

Texan David Rousseve (see Dance Umbrella '93 listing)

DANCE UMBRELLA: The American duo of **Dana Reitz** and **Sara Rudner** are exploring the relationship between light and movement with the help of leading lighting designer Jennifer Tipton (tonight, Riverside Studio, 081-748 3354). **Siobhan Davies Dance Company** presents her latest works (tonight, tomorrow, Queen Elizabeth Hall, 071-928 8800). **David Rousseve** presents *Urban Scenes, Colored Children Flyin' By*, in which a company of African-American women tell a tale of racism and sexual oppression in America, enlivened by gospel and the music of Motown (Tues, Wed, Riverside). East meets West when the British choreographer **Richard Alston** makes his first work on classical Indian dancers, members of **Shobana Jeyasingh**'s company (The Place, Thurs-next Sat, 071-387 0031), and **Matthew Hawkins** is inspired by the death of Tchaikovsky in his latest work (Hackney Empire, Thurs-next Sat, 081-985 2424).

LONDON CITY BALLET: The company that returned from the grave is back on tour with a production of *Coppélia* that moves to Bromley next week. Production credits are shared by Cecilia Barrett, Jack Carter and artistic director Harold King.
Churchill Theatre, Bromley (081-460 6677) Mon-next Sat, 7.45pm, mats Thurs, next Sat, 2.30pm.

MUSIC

CLASSICAL

LONDON SINFONIETTA: David Atherton conducts an enterprising programme that combines the British premiere of Henryk Górecki's *Kleines Requiem für eine Polka* with works by Hindemith (*Kammermusik I*), Knussen (*Ophelia Dances*), de Falla (Harpsichord Concerto) and Stravinsky (Concerto in E flat, *Dumbarton Oaks*). The harpsichordist is John Constable.
Barbican, Silk Street, London, EC2 (071-638 8891), Mon, 7.30pm.

ORCHESTRA OF THE AGE OF ENLIGHTENMENT: As part of the South Bank's Czech series the OAE presents a performance of the melodrama *Medea* by the 18th-century Bohemian composer Georg Benda. Harriet Walter performs the spoken lead role. The other works on the programme are also by 18th-century Bohemian composers: a Symphony in G minor by Jan Antonin Kozeluch and Franz Krommer's Clarinet Concerto in E flat.
Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank, London, SE1 (071-928 8800), Fri, 7.45pm.

OPERA

DIE MEISTERSINGER VON NURNBERG: Covent Garden's new production of Wagner's comedy, directed with insight and invention by Graham Vick and imaginatively designed by Richard Hudson, is a triumphant success. In an impressive cast, Thomas Allen sings Beckmesser and John Tomlinson Sachs, while Nancy Gustafson and Gosta Winbergh are Eva and Walther. Bernard Haitink conducts magnificently.
Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, London, WC2 (071-240 1066/1911), today, 4pm.

ENGLISH TOURING OPERA: The company that used to be Opera 80 opens its autumn tour in Bath. On offer are Stephen Medcalf's new production of Donizetti's comedy, *L'Elisir d'Amore*, and a revival of Clare Venables's witty staging of Mozart's *Così fan tutte*.
Theatre Royal, Sawclose, Bath (0225 448844), Tues (preview), Thurs, next Sat (*Così*); Wed, Fri (*L'Elisir*).

EUGENE ONEGIN: Tchaikovsky's romantic tragedy returns to Covent Garden with Dmitri Hvorostovsky and Catherine Malfitano heading a strong cast, with Giuseppe Sabbatini singing Lensky for the first time. John Cox is producer; Mark Ermler conducts.
Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, London, WC2 (071-240 1066/1911), Thurs, 7pm.

ROCK

SPIRITUALIZED: The laidback band goes on tour to promote their new EP, *Electric Mainline*, offering four more of their trippy, "laser-guided melodies". They are supported by Mercury Rev.
Glasgow, Queen Margaret (041-339 9784), today, 8pm. **Aberdeen**, Music Hall (0224 641122), tomorrow, 7.30pm. **Newcastle**, University (091-232 8402), Tues, 8pm. **Preston**, University (0772 258382), Wed, 7pm. **Wolverhampton**, University (0902 322028), Fri, 8pm.

JOHN HAMMOND: The passionate acoustic blues player, whose vibrant recent album *Trouble No More* once again boasts J.J. Cale as producer, performs a series of gigs.
Glasgow, Renfrew Ferry (041-552 0767), Mon, 8pm. **Aberdeen**, Music Hall (0224 641122), Tues, 8pm. **Oxford**, Playhouse (0865 798600), Fri, 8pm.

MARY-CHAPIN CARPENTER: The sweet-voiced American singer-songwriter returns to the UK.
Aberdeen, Music Hall (0224 641122), Wed, 8pm. **Glasgow**, Royal Concert Hall (041-227 5511), Thurs, 7pm.

WORLD PARTY: Karl Wallinger and his band take on the world with their ideologically sound, feel-good music.
Cambridge, Corn Exchange (0223 357851), Wed, 6.45pm. **Sheffield**, Octagon (0742 753300), Thurs, 7pm. **Newcastle**, City Hall (091-261 2606), Fri, 7pm.

JAZZ

SONNY ROLLINS: A one-off gig from the saxophone colossus.
Theatre Royal, London, WC2 (071-494 5063), tomorrow, 8pm.

LESTER BOWIE'S BRASS FANTASY: This exciting trumpeter and composer offers music ranging from trad to abstract.
Aberdeen, Music Hall (0224 641122), Thurs, 8pm. **Edinburgh**, Queen's Hall (031-668 2019), Fri, 8.30pm.

DJANGO BATES DELIGHTFUL PRECIPICE: The Loose Tubes founder member, pianist and composer tours with his latest big band project.
Brighton, Gardner Centre (0273 685861), tomorrow, 7pm. **London**, Queen Elizabeth Hall (071-928 8800), Tues, 7.45pm. **Nottingham**, Congregational Hall (0602 482626), Wed, 7pm. **Swansea**, Taliesin Arts Centre (0792 296883), Thurs, 7.15pm. **Bath**, University Hall (0225 826777), Fri, 7pm.

EXHIBITIONS

LONDON

GATES OF MYSTERY: The latest artistic arrival out of Russia is the biggest and most important collection of medieval Russian art to travel west since the Thirties, and includes many pieces never seen outside Russia before. They all come from the State Russian Museum in St Petersburg, and range in date from the late 10th century to the early 18th.
Victoria & Albert Museum, Cromwell Road, SW7 (071-938 8500). Mon, midday-5.50pm, Tues-Sun, 10am-5.50pm, opens Wed to Jan 3.

FRANCIS BACON: This loan exhibition includes nine self-portraits, as well as images of such friends as Lucian Freud, Isabel Rawsthorne, Muriel Belcher, George Dyer and John Edwards. As always, there is the same slightly sinister intensity and Bacon's unexpected ability to produce a telling physical likeness.
Marlborough Fine Art, 6 Albemarle Street, W1 (071-629 5161). Mon-Fri, 10am-5.30pm, Sat, 10am-12.30pm, opens Thurs to Dec 3.

KEN KIFF: Kiff might seem an unlikely choice for a National Gallery associate artist, with a brief to produce over two years work directly related to paintings in the gallery. His own private mythology is so potent. But at the same time he has always been steeped in art history, and this latest batch of work suggests fruitful encounters with such as Bellini, Crivelli, Patenier and Rubens.
National Gallery, Trafalgar Square, WC2 (071-839 3321). Mon-Sat, 10am-6pm, Sun, 2-6pm, opens Wed to Jan 9.

RENAISSANCE FLORENCE: The age of Lorenzo de 'Medici, called the Magnificent, is grandly evoked in a show which seeks to distil the essence of Florence in the latter half of the 15th century.
Accademia Italiana, 24 Rutland Gate, SW7 (071-225 3474). Mon-Sat, 10am-5.30pm (Wed to 8pm), Sun, midday-5.30pm, until Jan 23.

BEN NICHOLSON: Next year is the centenary of Ben Nicholson's birth. This comprehensive show takes him from representation to abstraction and back again.
Tate Gallery, Millbank, SW1 (071-887 8008). Mon-Sat, 10am-5.50pm, Sun, 2-5.50pm, until Jan 9.

REGIONAL

KENNETH ROWNTREE: A long overdue retrospective for this artist now in his late seventies. The rediscovery show covers the years from 1935 right up to date and includes the early works, with their pawky humour, the middle period of colourful abstraction, and the latest period (since 1980) when elements from both styles are intricately fused
Abbot Hall Art Gallery, Kendal, Cumbria (0539 722464). Mon-Fri, 10.30am-5pm, Sat and Sun, 2-5pm, until Oct 31.

IVAN BILIBIN. One of the best known and best loved turn-of-the-century Russian illustrators for children, Bilibin was also much involved in Russia's equivalent of the Arts-and-Crafts movement. His life (1876-1942) is situated in its artistic context, both within Russia and worldwide.
University of Brighton Gallery, Grand Parade, Brighton (0273 643012). Mon-Fri, 10am-6pm, Sat 10am-4pm; Sun 2-5pm, until Oct 28.

CANALETTO AND ENGLAND: Canaletto worked extensively in Italy for British patrons, and also spent nine years in this country between 1746 and 1755. This large show of paintings and drawings concentrates on these British connections. It also inaugurates the Gas Hall, a recently acquired annex to the City Museum and Art Gallery.
Gas Hall, Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery, Chamberlain Square, Birmingham (021-235 1666). Daily, 10am-6pm (last admission 5.30pm), until Jan 9.

BOOKINGS

THE MAGIC FLUTE: Martin Duncan's new production of Mozart's masterpiece; Andrew Parrott and David Syrus will be the conductors and Ken Lee the designer. The cast includes Sumi Jo, Amanda Roocroft and Tinuke Olafimihan.
Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, London, WC2 (071-240 1066/1911). Nov 15, 17, 19, 23, 25, 27, 30; Dec 3, 6, 9, 11 (Saturday special); mats Nov 27, Dec 3, 11. Postal bookings open now; telephone/personal bookings open Oct 22.

MOSCOW CITY BALLET: The troupe returns to The Wells accompanied by the National Ballet Orchestra. A lavish production of *The Sleeping Beauty* commemorates the centenary of Tchaikovsky's death with Evgenia Vorobieva as Aurora. The classic *Swan Lake* has two ballerinas sharing the coveted role of Odette/Odile: Natalia Yakovleva and Bolshoi Ballet prima ballerina Svetlana Filippova. They will be partnered by Evgeny Mamrenko and Dmitri Romanov. Victor Smirnov-Golovanov is the artistic director.
Sadler's Wells, Rosebery Avenue, London, EC1 (071-278 8916), Jan 10-15, 1994

NEW VIDEOS

CINEMA PARADISO (Tartan, PG): Hugely appealing salute to the movies from Italian writer-director Giuseppe Tornatore, following the fortunes of a movie-mad Sicilian from childhood to white hair. With Jacques Perrin, Philippe Noiret. 1989

Mel Gibson and Jamie Lee Curtis in *Forever Young*

FOREVER YOUNG (Warner, PG): Mel Gibson's test pilot, frozen for 50 years, awakes and searches for his lost true love. Endearing, accomplished old-fashioned fantasy, with Jamie Lee Curtis. Director, Steve Miner. 1992.

SCENT OF A WOMAN (Universal, 15): A blind army veteran takes a prep school pup for a lesson in life in New York. Far too long, with a barnstorming star performance (Al Pacino) and a few spots of magic. Director, Martin Brest. 1992.

WILD STRAWBERRIES (Tartan, 15): Cunningly woven tapestry of Ingmar Bergman's memories and fears, with an unforgettable performance by pioneer Swedish director Victor Sjöström as the aged scientist who embarks on a sentimental journey. 1957.

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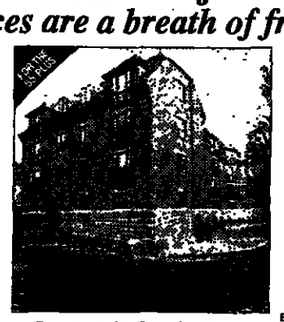

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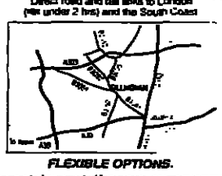

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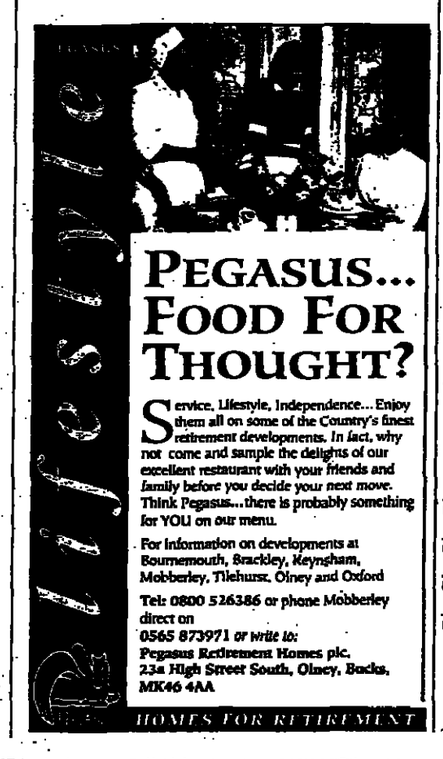

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- *Plant shrubs and deciduous trees; bare-rooted ones will be much cheaper than container plants bought in spring.*
- *Protect house plants from the sudden drying blast of central heating by placing them in trays of damp gravel.*

BEST BUYS

IF THE tattered remains of summer's containers are replaced now by plants suitable for withstanding winter weather, you can enjoy some foliage and flowers through the darkest months of the year, provided you keep them reasonably sheltered. Clipped box keeps its trim matt green through the winter and looks lovely wet with rain, or sparkling with frost or snow. Ivy and universal pansies can look terrific if carefully matched: gold variegated Buttercup ivy with yellow pansies, Green Ripple with blue, purple or white.

One of the flowerbeds featured in *Rosemary Verey's Garden Plans*, with blue, red, pink and white prevalent in the colour scheme

Lessons in the art of garden design

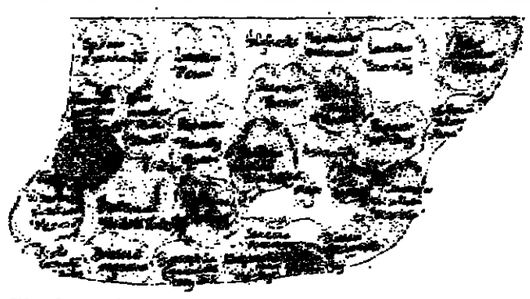
Francesca Greenoak finds out how you can teach yourself landscaping skills, and remain master of your own garden

There are people who scoff at landscape design, despising the hard, ugly schemes typical of too much of the landscape industry; other gardeners declare they would not be without professional design support.

I used to belong firmly to the former group, but my prejudice has been modified by acquaintance with many beautifully designed gardens. Like many other gardeners, however, I feel that I want to be the dominant influence on the small piece of land on which our family gardens, and this means acquiring my own design skills.

In the most beautiful amateur gardens, the owners have nearly always educated themselves into an awareness of design through visiting gardens, reading, and actually working in the garden; a few seem to have an intuitive grasp of the possibilities of landscape. For extra inspiration and practical help there are also garden design courses of a day, a week or longer for amateur gardeners, offered by design schools and horticultural colleges. Among recent innovations are correspondence courses, providing the means to learn the rudiments of garden design at home.

Three years ago the Open College of the Arts launched a course in *The Art of Landscape Design*. Since then it has guided more than 1,500 students through a range of design skills. It is written by the architectural historian Adrian Tinniswood, and amended and administered by course leader Peter Boswell, who is a landscape architect with considerable educational experience. The course (which costs £295, with a staggered payment option) aims to open the student's eye to the imaginative possibilities of garden landscape. It is designed in collaboration with the National Trust, and uses many NT gardens as examples.



The detailed planting scheme for the bed pictured above

The OCA, which is affiliated to the Open University, is committed to the idea that learning should be as open and creative as possible. Students progress at their own pace, working on aspects of design which are related to specific periods in garden history. Each student is allocated a personal tutor who supervises each part of the course. There are also optional workshop days and course videotapes. Those who complete the course satisfactorily receive a certificate, and they can also apply for a more formal assessment of their progress.

The English Gardening School at London's Chelsea Physic Garden started its own correspondence course in garden design last year. The one-year course, costing £470, has a practical emphasis and concentrates more on a hands-on approach to elements of garden design. Rosemary Alexander, who wrote the course with Anthony du Gard Pasley, was impressed by the calibre and diligence of the first students, who are mainly professional people. She has at the moment 240 students, with another 90 just enrolled.

Some of the people studying these correspondence courses are testing the water for a career change or second career; others are planning to redesign their own gardens or those of their friends; and others still are motivated purely by love of gardens.

This hunger for enlightenment is also fed by books on design. One of the most recent is *Rosemary Verey's Garden Plans*, which gives an insight into this knowledgeable and self-taught designer's work and outlines some superb design and planting ideas.

● *Open College of the Arts, Houndhill, Worsbrough, Barnsley, South Yorkshire S70 6TU (0226 730495). The English Gardening School at The Chelsea Physic Garden, 66 Royal Hospital Road, London SW3 4HS (071-352 4347).* Rosemary Verey's Planting Plans *(Frances Lincoln, £18.99), with photographs by Andrew Lawson, illustrations by Jean Sturgis.*

MY PERFECT WEEKEND

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Where would you go?
To Aix-en-Provence in June or July when the poppies are incarnadining, and the Parisians haven't yet arrived en masse.

How would you get there?
A helicopter would fetch me, landing on my roof and whooshing all the leaves off my neighbour's two adjacent poplar trees. I'd be gone before she could shout.

Where would you stay?
Courtesy of a friend of a friend, in an 18th-century farmhouse set on a hill tumbled with rosemary and basil bushes. Far away to the left, as you face the distant sea, rears the weird shape of Cézanne's model mountain, Sainte Victoire.

Who would be your perfect companion?
A quondam lover who is not frightened of abroad, packs lightly and takes the heat well. Our familiarity with each other would obviate the mildly tiring tensions that passion-filled holidays are inclined to generate.

What essential piece of clothing or kit would you take?
A sunhat.

What medicine would accompany you?
Calamine lotion.

What would you have to eat?
We'd shop in the street market at Aix for everything fresh; burden the table on the terrace with tomatoes and garlic and today's *baguette*; and pick basil off the bushes. The maid would conjure up soups *au pistou*, *moules marinières*, *cassoulet* or maybe even *bouillabaisse*.

What would you have to drink?
A *vin du pays*. In the evening, a smarter wine.

Which books would you take to read?
The unfinished ones next to my bed. One of them is *Portrait of a Turkish Family* by Irfan Orga. Another is *The Volcano Lover* by Susan Sontag.

What music would you listen to?
We'd go to a piano recital given by Murray Perahia in Aix or an opera in the open air.

What would you watch on television?
Nothing, please. I hardly ever watch anyway.

Would you play any games or sports?
God forbid.

What luxury would you take?
A small thing that can get Radio 3 and 4 without buzzing.

What piece of art would you like to have there?
Cézanne's studies of the mountain. The juxtaposition of art and reality would be salutary.

Who would be your least welcome guest?
Anyone uninvited.

What three things would you leave behind?
My phone number, an instruction not to ring it unless absolutely necessary, and a load of second-rank scripts.

What would you most like to do?
Walk over the hills to the Château Noir — where Cézanne stayed sometimes — and meet him. Cézanne would be sharing a pastis with Van Gogh in the shade of an old olive tree. Some recent canvases would be leaning against a pot of geraniums; Van Gogh would get drunk and give me one in a fit of generosity.

Who would you send a postcard to?
To Sotheby's to arrange a sale. Then I could retire hereabouts.

What souvenir would you bring home?
The painting. But it is so powerful that I cancel Sotheby's and decide to stay put.

What would you like to find when you got home?
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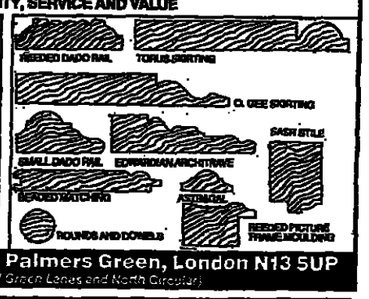

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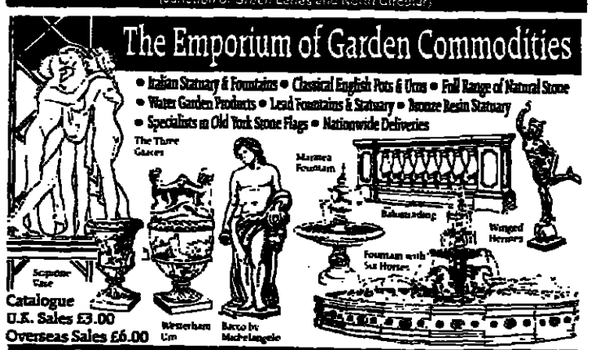

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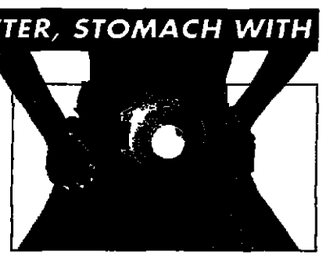

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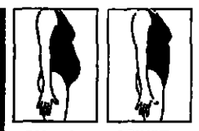

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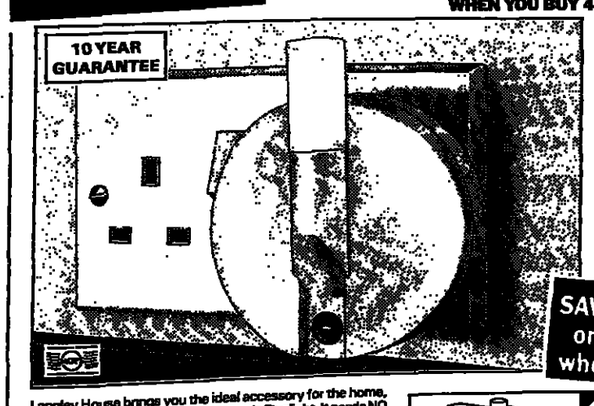

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DANCE: A new *Sleeping Beauty* for the Tchaikovsky centenary; plus Mark Baldwin's Poulenc premiere for Rambert

Reviving a glorious tradition

English National Ballet finally has a new production of *Sleeping Beauty*. **Debra Craine** met the man behind it

STEPHEN MARKESON

Ronald Hynd during rehearsals with Agnes Oaks, Aurora in his new production of *The Sleeping Beauty*: "Aurora is the jewel in the crown of great classical ballet"

There is something to be said for the safe option. Consider the alternative: a *Swan Lake* so perverse it didn't even bother to tell its own story; a *Nutcracker* so Byzantine of plot even the grown-ups couldn't decipher its cast list. Small wonder, then, that English National Ballet, in its campaign to renew its stores of the bread-and-butter Tchaikovsky ballets, should opt for sense over sensation.

First, Ben Stevenson's enchanting and straightforward *Nutcracker* overturned the memory of Peter Schaufuss's obfuscations; then Raissa Struchkova's traditional *Swan Lake* wiped the slate clean of Natalia Makarova's excesses. Now, last on the list, and just in time for the centenary of Tchaikovsky's death, comes *The Sleeping Beauty*, a ballet not so much in need of reformation as reclamation since it has been out of ENB's repertoire for more than a decade (the previous production was by Rudolf Nureyev).

On Thursday, at the Mayflower Theatre in Southampton, Britain's second-biggest ballet company will unveil its new *Beauty*, a £500,000-plus production with sets and costumes by Peter Docherty and choreography by Ronald Hynd, a man with a proven reputation for delivering the goods without offending the box office. Hynd's *Coppélia* (due for another showing on ENB's spring tour) is a superb realisation of Delibes' ballet; his *Merry Widow* is unabashedly popular abroad, a delicious bonbon which ENB would love to get its hands on.

His *Sleeping Beauty*, promises Hynd, will not "interfere unnecessarily" with Tchaikovsky and Petipa. Instead he aims to be as faithful as possible to what is, after all, the product of a perfect partnership between composer and choreographer. "It's really shedding some of the accretions of the years of the many versions," says the 62-year-old choreographer. "I'm trying to take it back to a sort of 1946 [Covent Garden] version, which I assume was as near to the Sergeyev version as it was possible to get because it was the nearest in time to the one he had presented in London [for the old Vic-Wells Ballet].

"When we went with the Royal Ballet to Russia back in the early Sixties, at the Maryinsky after we had shown *The Sleeping Beauty* a group of very old people, some of them in tears, showed up at the stage door and said 'we thought *The Sleeping Beauty* as we remembered it was lost for ever' and they were just overjoyed. That gives one a great deal of confidence in the version that Sergeyev brought to London. Let's face it, Sergeyev was Petipa's ballet master. That's a very strong blood link."

Choreographed for the St Petersburg Maryinsky Ballet in 1890, *The Sleeping Beauty* is the embodiment of all classical ballet, a grand statement of the principles and practice of theatrical dance in the 19th century. It is also *about* the Maryinsky ballet company and all the inheritors of its tradition, showcasing, as it does, a hierarchy in which the ballerina is queen.

"One cannot escape the fact that Aurora is the jewel in the crown of great classical ballet. How lovely to see a beautiful woman who exudes charm — that's something one doesn't see so often. That makes it very pertinent to do *Beauty* now.

"It really is Petipa's greatest work and arguably Tchaikovsky's greatest work. The prologue is the exquisite model for a great deal of Balanchine's output. The construction is wonderful, like a great opera, with a series of recitatives and arias. And I find that if you cut the recitative and fill out with dancing you just rob the arias of their potency. So I'm keeping to that construction."

Still, there will be some changes. "For example, the Maryinsky production had 120 people on stage in the Garland Dance — I don't think this company can quite field that. So I'm rechoreographing it for somewhat smaller resources.

"I'm also taking a few liberties and bolstering the drama a bit to give the characters some sort of identity, by giving business and motivation for everything. It's very easy to make *Sleeping Beauty* an empty procession and Tchaikovsky doesn't say that."

And, dare Hynd say it, there is even a hint of innovation: he has added a seventh fairy to the usual line-up of six. "I was always disturbed by the imbalance of the Lilac Fairy never being in the centre of the stage. She was always off-centre because of six, and I thought that the Lilac Fairy, who is really the queen of the ballet, must be given prominence. So now she's in the middle with three on either side."

Sleeping Beauties abound at the best of times, but the Tchaikovsky centenary has added lustre to their eternal shine. Following the premiere of Hynd's *Beauty* next week, Peter Wright's fine production for Birmingham Royal Ballet returns to the Birmingham Hippodrome on October 29. Meanwhile, Moscow City Ballet is bringing its Russian version on a British tour for Christmas; and the Royal Ballet's new *Beauty* will be unveiled in Washington in April.

● The Sleeping Beauty *opens at the Mayflower, Southampton (0703 229771), on Thursday*

A spirit not to be quenched

Rambert Dance Company
Royal Northern College of Music

Rambert Dance Company may exist in a limbo of uncertainty at present, waiting to hear whether it will get the Arts Council funding necessary to reshape itself under Christopher Bruce's direction. But Rambert can count itself lucky to have acquired an exceptionally attractive piece in Mark Baldwin's *Spirit*.

This is Baldwin's third piece for the company he joined as a dancer a decade ago and left last year to pursue a freelance career. He eschews conspicuous themes, but what comes across in his work is a sense of individual personalities presenting themselves in the community defined by the stage.

That is one of the strengths of *Spirit*, whose title was inspired by his chosen music: two harmonious wind and piano sonatas (played by Stella Dickinson, Glenn Martin and John Sweeney), written by Poulenc, to commemorate dead friends, a year before his own death in 1963.

Lee Boggess and Glenn Wilkinson arrive as a jaunty duo, retaining their link at the end, even after they have acquired partners and Wilkinson has performed a central pas de deux, only marginally too long, with Amanda Britton. John Kilroy and Catherine Quinn begin and remain as a couple, relating to each other in gentle, silky curves. Sara Matthews and Paul Liburd are solitary, mysterious beings at heart, combining with others, then easily detaching themselves to dance reflective, lyrical solos.

The piece's other strength is the way each component enhances the other. Baldwin's choreography has a lovely serenity: it traces airy, lacy coils and twists and archs in space; forms classical symmetries in its poses; indulges in unexpected gestures — a handshake, or the throwing of an invisible ball. Natasha Kornilof's designs perfectly complement Baldwin's writing.

Matthews and Liburd made a strong impact here and elsewhere in the programme. Liburd cut a searing pass through Siobhan Davies's exciting, surging *Embarque*, with the feline softness of his movement. Matthews brought her sculptural drama to the pivotal female role of *Land*, Bruce's depiction of invasion and war, in the Rambert repertory for the first time.

Watching this piece, it felt as if the clock had turned back, to when the house style was theatrical and balletic. The women injected an earthier quality than their counterparts in English National Ballet, on which the piece was created. The men, though, needed more intensity but Walter Nobbe's backdrop, only slightly altered, has all the grim beauty of before.

NADINE MEISNER

Ringing farewell

Christa Ludwig
Wigmore Hall

Christa Ludwig was one of the first women in recent years to perform and record Schubert's song cycle *Winterreise*: now the Wigmore Hall was to hear her last performance. It formed the first of two farewell recitals in a season in which the Berlin-born mezzo-soprano takes her leave of the musical centres significant in her operatic and recital career: New York, Salzburg and Paris have already waved goodbye.

Ludwig's *Winterreise* has always been distinctive in its carefully thought-through response to a cycle for so long regarded as exclusively male territory. This performance, however, had its own particular poignancy and resonances. Ludwig regards *Winterreise* as less of a journey, more of a state of mind. There is, after all, no real movement, no progression in Wilhelm Müller's series of poems. Here is a single state of being, a circularity of wandering, in which the despairing protagonist finally realises that even the graveyard can provide no resting place.

Ludwig conveys this sense of existence outside time in a perfectly controlled contour of line and tone, the more remarkable given the inevitable moments of flux within the voice now. Even Charles Spencer's piano accompaniment began more in a state of dream than of purposeful walking.

All passion, though, is not, and cannot be, spent. Within this framework of distance, this sense of an eternal cycle which culminates in the endless playing of the hurdy-gurdy man, is the torture of ever-present pain: the serpent that turns and stings again. In the earlier songs, Ludwig created forceful crescendos of intensity up to every question, every exclamation mark. And the violence of the imagery of hot tears, icy snow, and fiery skies was recreated by a sudden hardening and brightening of the still malleable tone.

At times, too, Ludwig seemed to step back even further, creating a dream vision within a dream. "Frühlingstraum" found yet another level of vocal recession, and the posthorn, in an unusually quiet and slow "Die Post", sounded as from a distant memory. Those in London on Monday will be able to hear her farewell to Beethoven, Brahms, Schumann, Mahler and Wolf: few will forget her final "Adel" to Schubert.

HILARY FINCH

Yeomen hit the right note

CLASSICAL RECORDS

THE Yeomen of the Guard is the one Gilbert and Sullivan work to stand on the margin of grand opera. It begins with a solemn flourish and ends with the collapse — some would argue the death — of the jester, Jack Point. Philips's new recording (438 138-2, 2 CDs) quite properly accords it grand opera casting.

Two young Americans, Kurt Streit and Sylvia McNair, sing Colonel Fairfax and Elsie Maynard. Both put on creditable English accents, if not those unmistakable D'Oyly Carte vowels. Streit's clean-voiced tenor is ideal for Fairfax's two ballads and McNair's high soprano suggests Elsie is no more than a girl of 16.

Jack Point forms the core of the operetta. Thomas Allen, employing a Geordie ruefulness, turns him into a mournful *pagliaccio*. This is another of Allen's top flight characterisations to put alongside his current Beckmesser at Covent Garden. The duet in which Point instructs the jailer Shadbolt (Bryn Terfel) in how to tell a tale of cock and bull has rarely been done better.

Allen: top-flight

The playing of the Academy of St Martin in the Fields under Neville Marriner is exemplary. Highly recommended.

Decca is now re-issuing some of the D'Oyly Carte recordings made in the mid-1960s of the less popular G and S works. It is hard to summon up much enthusiasm for their first full-length success, **The Sorcerer** (436 807-2, 2 CDs), despite Valerie Masterson's Aline. But **Princess Ida** (436 810-2, 2 CDs) is a different matter, especially with Elizabeth Harwood in the title role. The set, under Malcolm Sargent, helps drive away memories of the assault and battery inflicted on *The Princess* at the ENO by Ken Russell.

Bernstein's **On The Town** grew out of a ballet, *Fancy Free*, and into the Gene Kelly movie. DG, in a recording from last year's concert performances at the Barbican with Michael Tilson Thomas and the LSO, also gives it full star treatment ((437 516-2), 1 CD). Frederica Von Stade and Thomas Hampson lead the cast, she with great charm and he with great verve. Samuel Ramey and Marie McLaughlin are there to back them, while Tyne Daly as Hildy is in the pure Ethel Merman tradition.

But to get the full flavour of those Barbican evenings you need either the video (437 516-3) or better still the laser disc (437 516-1). These have the bonus of Tilson Thomas turning every member of the LSO into a star plus the narration of Betty Camden and Adolph Green, the original Clare and Ozzie on Broadway, who also happened to script the show.

Composers in Person: Lehár (EMI 7 54838 2) has substantial extracts from *Land des Lachelns* and *Giuditta*. Lehár is in the pit and the original singers are with him: Tauber in both cases, joined by Vera Schwarz as Lisa and Jarmila Novotna as Giuditta. A 1940 track has Lehár and the Vienna Philharmonic taking *The Merry Widow* overture at a tremendous lick and there are also reminders of the almost forgotten Esther Rethy. Few could handle a czardas better than she.

JOHN HIGGINS

OPERA: An ambitious national tour of Janáček for Ireland

Gripped by a family's torment

The Opera Theatre Company of Dublin has not only been touring Ireland since it was founded in 1986, but touring an interesting mixture of standard repertoire and both out-of-the-ordinary and contemporary works — *Cosi* and *Falstaff*, plus Handel, Weill and Argento. It has commissioned one-act pieces (four were seen in London last summer) and will stage its first full-length new opera in 1995.

Core funding comes from the Arts Council of Ireland, and sponsorship from the Gulbenkian and Paul Hamlyn Foundations enables it to mount training programmes for young singers, and educational workshops. Under the imaginative leadership of James Conway, the company is plainly fulfilling a national need.

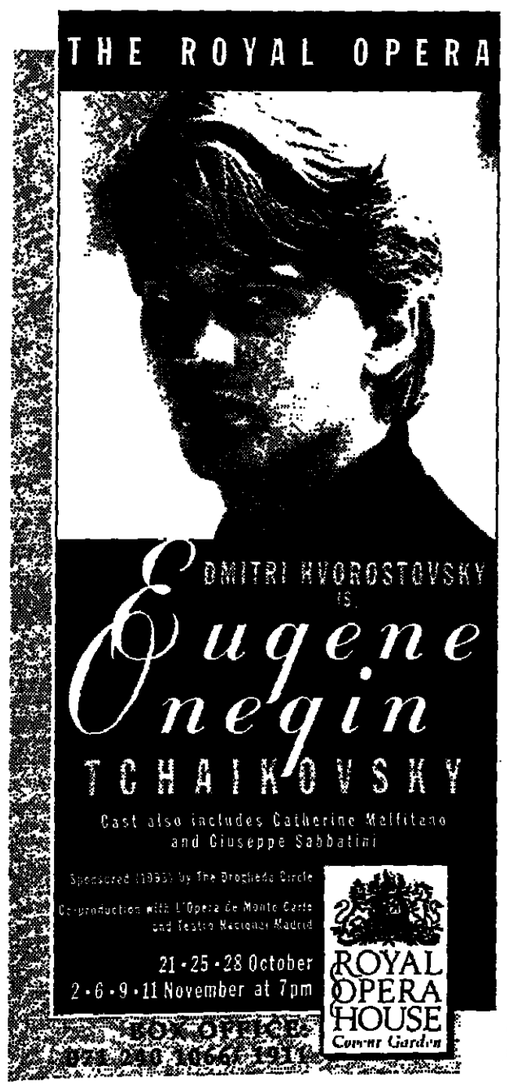
Its most ambitious project yet is a piano-accompanied national tour of *Jenufa*. As Scottish Opera Go Round has already demonstrated, this is a work that can repay modest resources; here, cunning doubling reduced the cast to seven. The closer you are to the action, the more harrowing its impact, an impact considerably increased when it is played in a Catholic country, one where out-of-wedlock pregnancies are still a matter of social upset. The Waterford audience, many of them encouragingly young, were gripped from start to finish.

OTC engages top-rank production teams. The Janáček was directed by Lindsay Posner, lately of the Royal Court (*Death and the Maiden* among his credits). Only in having characters sing up- or cross-stage at too many crucial moments did he betray his straight-theatre roots; opera people have ways of cheating such things without compromising dramatic verisimilitude. Julian McGowan devised the permanent set, and the sombre lighting was by Stephen McManus, who cleverly reserved his best effect until the final duet, when it is needed — the whole stage suddenly blazed with light.

Regina Hanley's Jenufa tore relentlessly at the heartstrings. Her soprano is consistently beautiful, her diction clear (the Kraus-Downes translation was used), and she presented an utterly believable character. The way she moved in the second act suggested a particularly painful confinement the week before. The admired mezzo Colette McGahon was venturing up into soprano territory as the Kostelnička. Her top is not quite settled yet (some raw tone, dodgy tuning) and words tend to disappear (some vital bits of information went missing in a performance that offered no programme synopsis), but the sheer intensity of her portrayal of this pillar of moral rectitude and child-murderer carried all before it.

Paul McCann was the forthright, vocally easy Laca, and Stephen Austin almost too much of a rat as Steva — what girl in her right mind would have had anything to do with him? The enchanting Fionnuala Gill doubled Barena and Karolka — and the boy Jano and the Mayor's Wife as well if we are to be literal-minded. But Janáček's masterpiece wove its spell. It always does.

RODNEY MILNES



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FARMER'S DIARY: PAUL HEINEY

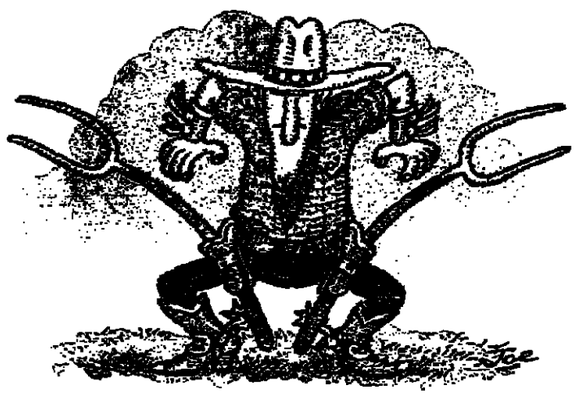
It might sit easier on the lips of a country squire than on those of a would-be traditional farmer but, nevertheless, I can honestly say that you simply cannot get the staff these days. We are not big enough to need full-time help, nor can the farm afford it. We draw our inspiration from the era when the cheapest thing on the farm was the man; now he is the most expensive.

It is not that people do not want to come and work here, for the post regularly brings offers: but the knack is taking the letters and reading between the lines. I have had notes from romantics pleading to be allowed "to share your rural idyll and find deep contentment". Why does my wife dissolve into uncontrollable mirth when I read those letters aloud? Some are more forthright and often end with a chilling postscript, along the lines, "P.S. My five Alsatian dogs travel everywhere with me but hardly bark at all after midnight."

But by careful sifting of the chaff from the grain we have had some first-class help on the farm over the past couple of years, and often from volunteers. There was Dick, who wrote that he "wished to work out of his system any desire to farm". He could not have chosen a better place to exorcise the demon from his soul. Towards the end of his time I set him with Derek to cart a field of tares and build a stack. The temperature was nudging the nineties and the crop was heavy, itchy and tangled. Derek, the old warhorse, hardly had a sweat on him after several hours of sweltering forking, but Dick was on his knees and by mid-afternoon, with Derek still anxious to cart yet one more load, Dick refused and called it a day.

Sadly, I have to report we had a postcard from him some weeks later: the address was yet another farm. I hope he finds someone who can help him. I know how destructive these farming urges can be.

But our greatest success has been Bill, our American from Kentucky, whose combined love of Thomas Hardy and Bluegrass music earned him the nickname "Tex of the D'Urbervilles". He left last week, and we are missing him greatly. Although he was a good stockman and a willing worker, it was his ability not only to display his moods but to allow others to display theirs which made him a joy to work with. There is nothing more tedious than a character who shuffles off to the barn, muttering, leaving you wondering what is wrong with him, or was it something you said? Not so with Bill. The day we built the corn-stack he was a far from happy lad. He cursed the job, held his pitch-fork high in the air and every time his sheaf did not land precisely in the jaws of the machine, he smote the poor elevator crying, "Why won't you take them . . . why . . . why . . . why? Of course, within half an hour we were all laughing merrily about his outburst. A couple of weeks later, when sheep had to be counted and ear-tags checked, it was my turn to boil over. Some cursed ewe somehow managed to escape the vetting by diving through a crack in the gate, thus rendering all our counting efforts futile. I, too, smote the ground. We had a good laugh about that.



But Bill's greatest success was with the chickens. Being from Kentucky, you might think that the frying of them would be the limit of his poultry-handling technique, but not so. He managed, by careful feeding, to get them to produce eggs in quantities we have never seen before. Now he is gone the hens have reverted to their lazy one-egg-a-fortnight ways and, unfortunately, he has taken his secret across the Atlantic with him.

However, it was not until he had left that I came across the evidence of what a saint this lad had been to endure four months on this farm. He had not been living in the house with us but in the shepherd's hut at the bottom of the garden. This is not second best, for the hut is a cosy little den and cool and fresh on hot summer nights. I last slept in it at lambing time and had left on the shelf a half-bottle of whisky for stimulating weakly lambs, you understand. When Bill finally moved on, I went into the hut to make sure he had left nothing behind, and there stood the bottle with no less a drop of whisky in it than when I had left it there months before.

When I think what I have put him through during his time here, how could he not have been tempted to turn to that seductive bottle for comfort? I take my hat off to Bill. He was a good egg.

At Flanders Moss, in Scotland, **Jim Crumley** ponders the fragile fate of Britain's dwindling raised bogs

Boggy future writ in water

Imagine a cake which has risen perfectly to a flawless shallow dome. Imagine the cake marzipaned with peat, iced with gaudy sphagnum mosses and decorated with the yellow candles of bog asphodel, the dance of dragonflies such as the white-faced darter, the cast-off skins of adders, all of it done by rainwater. Such a cake, sitting on top of its lowland landscape, is a raised bog.

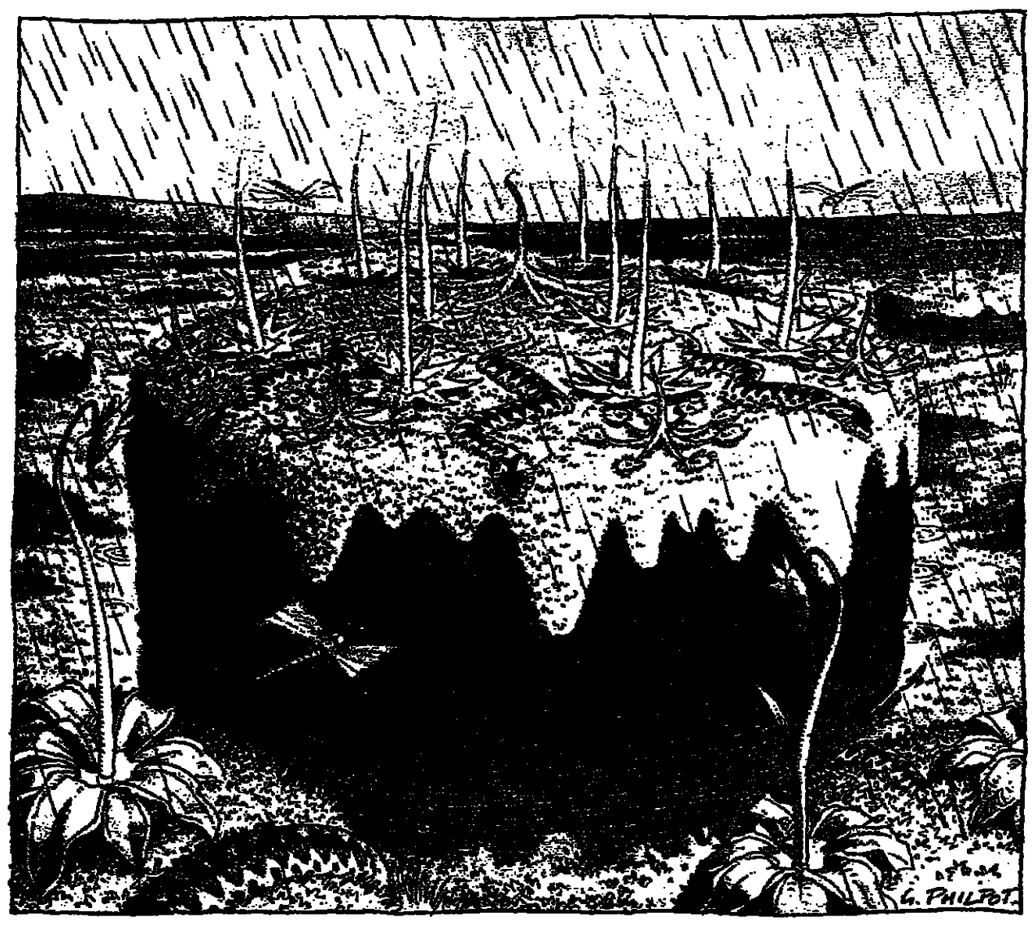
You feel the difference underfoot immediately you step the first few feet from the summer-hard fields. The ground beneath you begins to give and tremble, for the simple reason that it is not really ground at all. A raised bog is less than 2 per cent solid, about as stable as its own future.

There was a time when Britain, Ireland and much of the rest of western Europe had more raised bogs than anybody knew what to do with, but in the past few hundred years or so, human ingenuity has devastated them. Draining for agriculture, conifer afforestation and the horticulture industry's appetite for peat has accounted for all but 3,300 hectares out of 67,000 in Britain alone.

Being a champion of bogs is not easy. Flat expanses of thinly disguised peat, even endangered ones, will never amount to box-office nature or prick what passes for an environmental conscience in the government. But a quarter of a century of endeavour by the Scottish Wildlife Trust, owner or manager of seven raised-bog reserves, has been rewarded by the European Community with £250,000 for a conservation project.

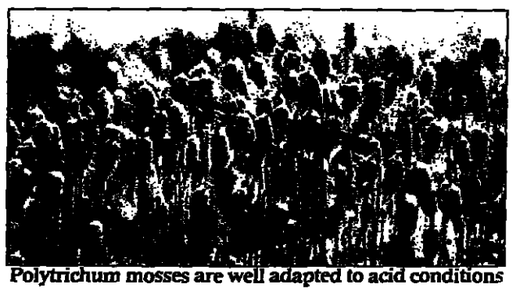
The trust's reserves include a 45-hectare corner of the most impressive of the remnants, Flanders Moss, west of Stirling and just south of the southern Highlands. The unwieldy nature of landscape protection is well illustrated here. Adjoining the trust reserve is a national nature reserve of 210 hectares, administered by Scottish Natural Heritage, and both reserves are part of the 732-hectare Flanders Moss Site of Special Scientific Interest, whose conglomeration of private landowners includes some who have planted conifer forest, drained for agriculture, and harbour ambitious plans for peat extraction.

On a midsummer afternoon on Flanders Moss, a warm wind blows fresh from Ben Lomond's dipped shoulder. The Moss is about as dry as it will get this year, and yet still it trembles and no footfall is reliable.



You pause by a couple of square metres of primary-coloured mosses with only their vibrant beauty and bewildering Latin names to distinguish them. Even within the rarified tribes of sphagnum mosses, they are raised-bog specialists. Stems and leaves are hollow pockets of water; they feed from the top and die from the roots, where dead plants decay slowly in the absence of oxygen. It is such a specialised acidic regime that only equally specialised plants can survive.

Among the mosses is a cluster of round red and yellow leaves, each one on its own pink limb, and at the centre of the cluster a single pink stem rises to a single dismal flower, like a rag on a newly painted flagpole. Round-leaved sundew fools midges and flies for a living, trapping the insects with a sticky dew in the hairy fringes. One sundew accounts for 2,000 midges in a summer — not, perhaps, the most pressing argument for the conservation of raised bogs, but certainly one of the most practical.



Polytrichum mosses are well adapted to acid conditions

The Moss sprawls west and north towards the summer-blue mountains. A few late flags of bog cotton wave in the wind among the mosses and the first of the heather. A few last drooling snatches of curlew song, like pibroch played on an oboe, ride the same breeze. When the curlew take to the autumn and winter shores, the Moss thickens with geese and other wildfowl and roosting communes of hen harriers.

But it is for themselves that raised bogs matter most, for their uniqueness as a self-sustaining landform, and for their remarkable capacities as natural archives. At any point out here on the Moss, there is buried an intact account of climate, pollen, vegetation, land use and other human activity, a 7,000-year-old local records office perfectly preserved in peat. A hundred years from now, if the bog lasts, the peat will have logged in its databank the advent of acid rain.

There are, too, the mysteries and the rarities: the desperately discreet plants such as bog rosemary and, almost as rare, the lowland breeding population of mountain hares.

The trust project coincides with something of a boom in the study of peatlands. Incredibly for a 7,000-year-old phenomenon, it is a new science. The Flanders Moss activity is aimed at retrieving something approaching a primitive raised bog from the compromise it has become.

Drainage, for example, lowers the water table, which permits nutrients into the soil, which encourages trees which, in turn, are the enemy of the raised bog. Thus, while conservationists elsewhere in Scotland crave the kind of self-sown birchwood expansion which is rife on the Moss, here the birches must go. They must not only be felled, but the roots must be chemically treated so that they do not decompose and provide soil nutrients. Acid rules on a good raised bog.

The trust is eyeing up an adjoining forestry plantation which is about to go on the market. Its bog experts think the bog can be retrieved from a clear-felled plantation forest.

Meanwhile, beyond the forest, the horticulture industry plans a peat-harvesting year in 1994. The industry says its activities are compatible with the sustenance of the bog. The only problem is that so far, all across western Europe, the bog has begged to differ.

On such knife-edges is the fate of 7,000 years of natural evolution perilously poised.

WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

This position is a variation from the game Kasparov - Short, Times World Championship, game 7. This position is the key to Kasparov's successful attack in game seven. How did he plan to win here?

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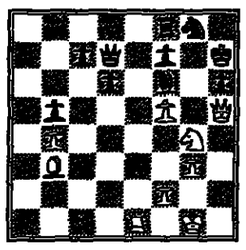

WORD MERCHANTS

By Philip Howard

OPHELIMITY
a. The fear of conversations
b. The ability to satisfy sexually
c A talent for gutting fish

WAMBLE
a. A rumbling of the stomach
b. Voice of adolescent males
c. A gay womble

GLEBOUS
a. Smug in the face of doom
b. Full of clods or lumps
c. Aversion to manual labour

TARSALGIA
a. Edible algae on damp walls
b. A sense of the absurd
c. A nagging pain in the toes

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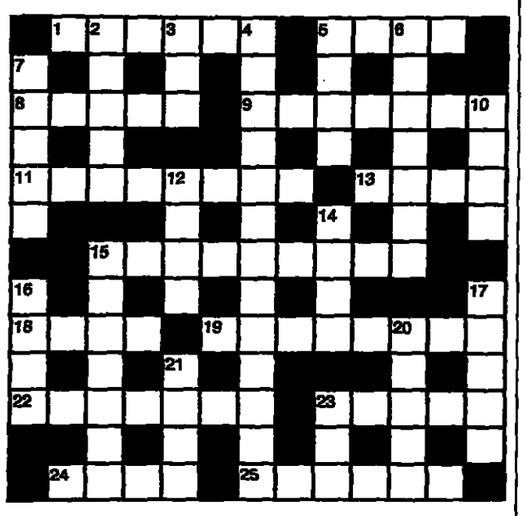

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13 Open peat common (4)
15 Rejection as untrue (9)
18 Minced liver spread (4)
19 French war leader (2,6)
22 Display (7)
23 Range of emotions (5)
24 Timber dresser (4)
25 Rounded (6)

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2 Linger uncertainly (5)
3 Tough youth (3)
4 Non-nationalised industry (7,6)
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6 Polishes away (4,3)
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Feather report

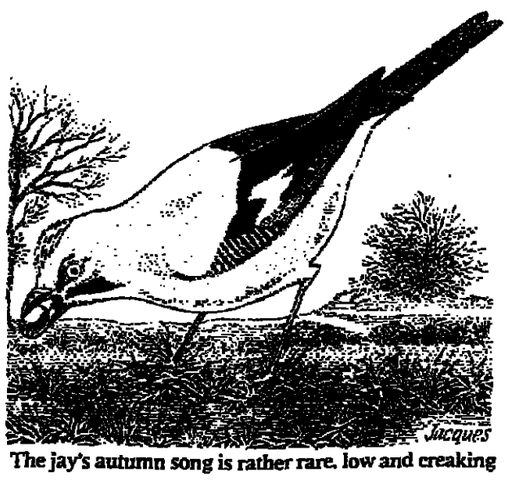
Early risers out of the woods

AS THE leaves begin to fall, the winter movements of the bird population begin to make themselves felt. Jays that have nested in the woods start appearing in town gardens. They are still shy, and most often come at dawn, before many people are stirring. They hop heavily along a garage roof, looking for edible scraps — running spiders or fallen seeds — in the gutter.

They seem too beautiful to belong to the crow family, with their pink plumage and the streak of electric blue in their wings. But their voices are raucous enough for a crow, and one often hears a visiting jay's loud screeches before one sees it. Then a stout bird slips over a wall with hesitant beats of its rounded wings, and you see a last flash of its white rump as it vanishes into another garden.

Jays often lead the angry chorus if a tawny owl ventures out of the ivy in the daytime. They scream and fly at it, and blackbirds, thrushes and chaffinches join in, without approaching the owl too closely. They usually succeed in driving the owl away.

Jays also have an autumn song, which I have heard once or twice, though it is rather rare and its function is quite obscure. The singer sits in the depths of a holly tree or other dense bush and produces a long string of creaking, carolling notes in a low voice.



The jay's autumn song is rather rare, low and creaking

Great spotted woodpeckers are often very conspicuous at this time of year: they sit on the very tip of a fir tree, and are not easily disturbed. They are black and white birds with a bright red patch on the underside between the stomach and the tail: the male also has a red nape and the juveniles have a red crown.

This is another bird that is frequently heard before it is seen. It makes a distinctive, resounding "chack" call — always a single note. They wedge nuts in a hole in a bough before cracking them open with their beaks. Nowadays they come down and take nuts from bird tables; they can even hammer open almond stones without damage to their specially padded brains. They also have a long tongue with which to lick up insects.

With most of the summer visitors gone and winter visitors from the Continent only just starting to arrive, there are far fewer small birds about, and sparrowhawks begin to range more widely now in search of prey. They have various techniques: sometimes they will circle high in the sky looking for movement in the trees below, then come down and hide before sweeping out through the branches and picking up a goldcrest or long-tailed tit. At other times they go hedge-hopping, speeding down one side and swinging over to take a robin by surprise.

However, these small birds have their own technique for puzzling a sparrowhawk. All of them have thin, ventriloquial alarm notes that make them hard to locate — perhaps even harder for a birdwatcher than for a raptor. Sparrowhawks, by the way, are steadily getting commoner in towns.

The winter visitors will make the next change in the character of the countryside — the winter thrushes and finches coming in mainly from northern Europe. They will form much of the tale in the weeks ahead.

DERWENT MAY

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